



# Priscilla and Aquila

My Fellow Workers in Christ”

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- They are mentioned six times in four different books of the New Testament.
- They are always named as a couple and never individually.
- Of those six references, Priscilla's name is mentioned first three times.

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- Acts 18:2-3, 18 - “After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. 3 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers... 18 So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow”

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- Acts 18:24-27 - “Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace”

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- Rom. 16:3-5 - “Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house...”
- 1Cor. 16:19 - “The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”
- 2Tim. 4:19 - “Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.”

# Who was Priscilla?

- Priscilla was a woman of Jewish heritage believed to be a Roman by birth (she has a distinctly Roman noble name) and one of the earliest known converts who lived in Rome. Her name is a Roman diminutive for Prisca, her formal name. She is the only Priscilla in the Bible.

# Who was Aquila?

- He was originally from Pontus and was a Jewish Christian.
- Tradition reports that Aquila died as a martyr, along with Priscilla

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- Priscilla and Aquila were tentmakers, as was Paul.
- They had been among the Jews expelled from Rome by the Roman Emperor Claudius in the year 49 as reported by Suetonius.
- They ended up in Corinth. Paul lived with Priscilla and Aquila for 18 months.
- The couple started to accompany Paul when he proceeded to Syria, but stopped at Ephesus.

# They Were A Family Of Faith

- From Distinction - Acts 18:1-3
- Facing Difficulties - verse 2

# They Were A Family Of Duty

- A duty to God's Work - Rom. 16:3
  - They uprooted again to travel with Paul for a time
    - Acts 18:18-19

# They Were A Family Of Duty

- There is not a single word about contention between them
  - Paul had to confront Peter face to face - Gal. 2:11
  - He and Barnabas had to part company - Acts 15:39
  - He refused to allow John Mark to travel with Him - Acts 15:38
  - He rebuked his helpers Euodias and Syntyche over their disagreements - Phil. 4:2.
  - He said fellow preacher Demas had forsaken him - 2Tim. 4:10
- Priscilla and Aquila managed to work well with him.

# They Were A Family Of Duty

- A duty to God's Word - Acts 18:24-28
  - They knew the truth; Apollos did not; it was their duty to teach him

# They Were A Family Of Duty

- As they worked the Paul, they learned much more than perhaps many others. But they did not keep these things to themselves
  - John 7:37-38 - “On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

# They Were A Family Of Duty

- They allowed Apollos his dignity by taking him aside, rather than gloating or mocking over him. They did not publically expose or humiliate him
  - Psalm 105:15 - “Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm.”

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- A duty as God's Witnesses - Rom. 16:4
  - They were willing to lay down their own lives for the Man of God so that he could finish his course

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- A duty toward God's Worship - Rom. 16:5
  - John 4:24 - "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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- Many speak of preachers who had a profound influence on them. Here is a case where a family had a profound influence on a preacher.
- When Paul was about to be put to death writing his final letter, he makes a special effort to greet Aquila and Priscilla - 2Tim. 4:19
- Can greater tribute be made for the Christian faith and lives of a family?