

Aquila and Priscilla

Helpers of the Apostles

Orlando Bible Students Special Study

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General References: Acts 18:1-3,18-28, including Expanded Bible Comments; Reprints, pp. 2191 & 3143

- 1) **What are the meanings of the names Aquila and Priscilla (also called Prisca), and where was Aquila from?** *Hitchcock Bible Names; Strong's/Thayer's Definitions; Acts 18:2; Acts 2:5,9*

- 2) **What circumstances led Aquila and Priscilla to be living in Corinth, and during which of Paul's journeys did he meet up with them? What common bond did they share of a temporal nature?**
Acts 18:1-3, also Expanded Comments

- 3) **Although the account does not give specifics, what help do you think Aquila and Priscilla might have provided to Paul with regard to their common craft of tent-making? What important principle is shown by the fact that mention is made of Paul's craft?** *Acts 20:33-35; I Thess. 2:9,10; II Thess. 3:7-12*

- 4) **Acts 18:18-22 states that Paul, upon leaving Corinth, took Aquila and Priscilla with him to Ephesus. He then left them in Ephesus, and he went on to Caesarea, which completed his 2nd missionary journey. After Paul left them in Ephesus, what special way were Aquila and Priscilla used as a help concerning the ministry of the Gospel?** *Acts 18:24-28, & Expanded Comments; Acts 19:1; I Cor. 3:4-6*

- 5) **From the previous questions 2 & 4, we know that Aquila (originally from Pontus) and Priscilla had resided in Rome, then Corinth, then Ephesus. Following this, they are mentioned three more times by Paul in his epistles, but not always living in the same location:**
I Corinthians 16:19 indicates that they were with Paul (where?) when he wrote this epistle.
Romans 16:3 indicates that they were in Rome when Paul wrote this epistle.
II Timothy 4:19 indicates that they were with Timothy (where?) when Paul wrote this last epistle.
Although we cannot ascertain completely, where might Aquila and Priscilla have been dwelling at these various times that Paul mentions them? *See various commentaries, e.g. Easton's Bible Dictionary; International Standard Bible Encyclopedia; et al*

- 6) **In I Corinthians 16:19 and Romans 16:3-5, what other ways are mentioned in which Aquila and Priscilla were a help, both to Paul, to the brethren in general, and to the cause of the Gospel message?** *See Expanded Comments on Rom. 16:3-5*

- 7) **What important lessons can we learn from Aquila and Priscilla as coworkers and helpers in the ministry?**