

# Aquila and Priscilla

**Some couples know how to make the most of their life together.**

**They complement each other, capitalise on each other's strengths, and form an effective team.**

**Aquila and Priscilla were such a couple. They are never mentioned separately in God's Word, the Christian Bible, in marriage and in ministry they were together.**

**Acts 18:1-3** [New King James] *“After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. 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. So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.”*

**The couple were in Rome when Claudius' edict of AD49 expelled all Jews from the city. There is every likelihood that the couple were already Christians on meeting Paul in Corinth.**

Paul stayed with them and shared in their craft of tentmakers.

At this time the couple endangered their lives by being associated so closely with Paul, [**Romans 16:3-4**]. Perhaps they also influenced Paul to understand the needs and opportunities in Rome.

**When Paul left, Priscilla and Aquila accompanied him as far as Ephesus, where they received and assisted to a fuller faith the very influential Apollos, [Acts 18:18-28].**

They were still at Ephesus and a church was meeting at their house, when 1 Corinthians was written, and they had **not** forgotten their Corinthian friends, [**1 Corinthians 16:19**].

Not long afterwards, perhaps taking advantage of relaxations towards Jews in Rome after Claudius' death, they seem to be back in Rome, [**Romans 16:3**].

**Romans 16:3-4** [New King James] *“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”*

Shows how widely this peripatetic and ever-hospitable Jewish couple were known and loved in the Gentile churches.

**The curious fact that Priscilla is usually named first has been interpreted as indicating that she was a Roman lady of higher rank than her husband, or that she was more prominent in the Church, the true reason is undiscoverable.**

In an age when the focus is mostly on what happens **between** husband and wife, Aquila and Priscilla are a fine example of what can happen **through** husband and wife.

**Their effectiveness together speaks about their relationship with each other.**

**Lessons from the lives of Aquila and Priscilla –**

**Hospitality opens a doorway to salvation for many.**

**The Christian home is still one of the best tools for spreading the gospel message.**

**They supported themselves while serving Jesus Christ and His followers.**

Were able to explain the full message that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father, [**1 Peter 3:15-16**].

**Do people find Jesus Christ in your presence and your home?**