



**AQUILA &**

**PRISCILLA-**

**A DYNAMIC DUO!**

**I. We meet them first in the record in Acts 18:1-3.**

***“After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth.***

***And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.***

***And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.”***

**A. In my study I have found that the expulsion of the Jews was from January 25, 49 AD until January 25, 50 AD.**

**B. This point helps us greatly in determining the date of the establishment of the church in Corinth.**

**C. Since the word “found,” (aneurisko), means to find by searching, its possible that Paul had been told of Aquila and Priscilla being in Corinth.**

**D. I have assumed for 2 reasons that Aquila and Priscilla were already members of the church when they came to Corinth.**

**1. Their conversion by Paul in Acts 18 is not mentioned.**

**2. In all other NT scriptures where they are mentioned, it is clear they were members of the Lord’s body!**

**E. I have also assumed that they invited Paul to live with them.**

**F. All 3 of them were tentmakers and worked together while Paul stayed in Corinth doing his work for the Lord.**

**G. Most authorities I have consulted hold that the tents were made of the hair of black goats that had been woven together. Some hold that perhaps the tents were made of leather.**

**H. What greater act of hospitality could be given than to offer someone your home?**

**I. We should recall when the Lord sent the apostles to preach the gospel, He told them to search out and find a worthy house and abide there-  
Matthew 10:11.**

**J. Paul would never forget this gracious act of kindness done to him by this wonderful Christian couple, and in his “Last Will and Testament,” Paul told Timothy to salute Aquila and Priscilla  
-see II Timothy 4:19.**

**II. When Paul left Ephesus as he was in route to Jerusalem, he had enough faith and confidence in Aquila and Priscilla that he left them there to continue the work of the Lord until he could return-see Acts 18:19-21.**

**III. While Paul was gone, Aquila and Priscilla expounded the way of God more perfectly unto a very powerful preacher named Apollos-see the record in Acts 18:24-28.**

**A. Apollos was an “eloquent” man, verse 24. The Greek word can mean that he was either highly educated, or that he was very skilled in speaking. Both ideas could be meant!**

**B. He was said to be “mighty” (dunatos) in the scriptures, verse 24.**

**C. He was instructed in “the way of the Lord!” Following the Lord has never been a “multiple choice issue!”**

**D. He taught the things he knew of the Lord diligently, or carefully, verse 25.**

**E. He was “*fervent in spirit,*” verse 25. We might want to say of him, “He was on fire for the Lord!”**

**F. However, he was aware only of the baptism of John, verse 25. This statement would cause us to believe that his knowledge of the Lord was very limited. He apparently wasn’t aware of the Lord’s death, resurrection, and ascension, nor of the establishment of the church!**

**G. Upon hearing Apollos teach boldly in the synagogue, Aquila and Priscilla took him aside privately and expounded to him more of the way of God, verse 26. He would have been told of the things I mentioned in the previous point and made aware of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ!**

**H. This text shows us the “rightness and usefulness” of a woman teaching in a proper context!**

**I. There are some questions that might be asked of me from this section of scripture that I can’t answer with certainty!**

**J. I have held through the years that Apollos was baptized during the lifetime of John the Baptist, and that it was not therefore necessary for him to have been re-baptized by Paul!**

**K. John's baptism was for the remission of sins-  
see Mark 1:4; Luke 1:77; 3:3.**

**L. When the brethren in Ephesus found out that Apollos wanted to go into Achaia, they wrote a letter encouraging the brothers in Corinth to receive Apollos, verse 27.**

**M. When Apollos arrived there in Corinth, he was of great help to the brethren there, verse 27; I Corinthians 1:12.**

**N. In a public context, Apollos powerfully refuted the Jewish arguments, verse 28.**

**O. So, because of the concern and teaching of Aquila and Priscilla, Apollos became an even more powerful and effective instrument in God's hand!**

**IV. Surely, one of the highest accolades ever given by Paul was given to Aquila and Priscilla-see Romans 16:3 & 4.**

***“Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers (sunergos) in Christ Jesus:***

***Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”***

**This verse also lets us know that some years after their being expelled from Rome, Aquila and Priscilla “returned home!”**

**A. It is an high honor to be able to be a fellow-helper to a faithful brother like Paul!**

**B. Whether the “laying down of their necks” by Aquila and Priscilla was literal, or figurative, I cannot tell! Either was highly commendable!**

**C. Paul's mention of the churches of the Gentiles in verse 4 is indicative to me of an extensive work among the Gentiles by this "Dynamic Duo!"**

**D. The statement also indicates to me that "one doesn't have to have the same skin color" to be effective in God's kingdom!**

**Remember: The record in Acts 18:2 shows us that Aquila and Priscilla were Jews!**

**V. The record in I Corinthians 16:19 speaks volumes of the love and concern that Priscilla and Aquila had for both God and His kingdom!**

***"The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house."***

**VI. “LORD, GIVE US  
MORE DYNAMIC DUO’S  
LIKE PRISCILLA AND  
AQUILA!!”**