

Priscilla and Aquila: work, teaching, and hospitality

How did Priscilla and Aquila serve with Paul?

Priscilla and Aquila worked alongside Paul, helped instruct Apollos, hosted a church, and risked their lives for Paul. Acts and the letters show their shared ministry across several cities without explaining every move or the occasion of that danger.

Shared work in Corinth

Acts introduces Aquila, a Jew from Pontus, and his wife Priscilla in Corinth after they had left Italy following Claudius's order concerning Jews in Rome. Paul stays and works with them because they share a trade. Their workshop belongs to the story of mission: material work, conversation, travel, and hospitality are connected rather than competing parts of Christian service.

Biblical references: Acts 18:1-3

Sources: acts

Helping a gifted teacher grow

In Ephesus the couple hears Apollos and explains God's way to him more accurately. Acts describes him as eloquent and knowledgeable while still needing instruction. The episode commends patient correction without reducing Apollos to his limitations. It also explicitly portrays both Priscilla and Aquila taking part. The passage does not describe an ordination ceremony or settle every later debate about church offices.

Biblical references: Acts 18:18-28

Sources: acts

Homes opened and lives risked

Paul calls them coworkers in Christ and thanks them for risking their lives, but does not identify the event. Romans and 1 Corinthians mention a church meeting in their home in their respective settings. Their example invites households to become places of welcome and formation. It does not require turning uncertain reconstructions of their travels into a detailed biography.

Biblical references: Romans 16:3-5 · 1 Corinthians 16:19

Sources: letters

Sources

- [acts] Acts 7–28; passage references are supplied in each section. <https://ebible.org/web/ACT.htm>
- [letters] Romans through Philemon; passage references are supplied in each section. <https://ebible.org/web/>

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