

thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there." These people loved and appreciated Elisha (the prophet) so much they actually made him a special place in their home. This was the true heart and soul of Aquila and Priscilla.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, Aquila and Priscilla were hard workers, showing hospitality, sound in their faith, courageous, faithful, and dependable. They knew that they were strangers and pilgrims on this earth, just passing through. As stewards of God, their time, talent, and treasures were used wisely. This is a story of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. They held back nothing from their Lord and God blessed and praised them for doing so. Praise His Glorious name.

*"Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus."*

**II Timothy 4:19**

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

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# Aquila & Priscilla

*"Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus"*

**Romans 16:3**

## + Their Oneness +

In **Acts 18:2**, we are introduced to Aquila and Priscilla. This is the story of a wonderful Christian couple serving God together. The apostle Paul gave repeated testimony to them; wherever they lived, they were a great blessing to churches and ministries. Their names are mentioned six times in the New Testament, and each time gives us a beautiful tribute to their character and love for the Lord (**Acts 18:2,18,26; Romans 16:3; I Corinthians 16:19; II Timothy 4:19**). They demonstrated how a Christian couple can be used mightily by God. They served together in the same yoke for the cause of Christ. May we learn from the blessed principle we see in their lives. Amen

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

**I Corinthians 16:19**



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*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."*  
**Acts 16:31**

This article will consider the oneness of Aquila and Priscilla in Christ, in their marriage, and in their service.

### One In Christ

According to **Acts 18:26**, Aquila and Priscilla were both Christians and sound in the faith with great insight. *“And he [Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.”* They were a part of God’s family and kingdom. They loved the Lord and shared their faith with others. Their spiritual insight in the Scripture became a great help to Apollos in understanding the way of God more perfectly.

Only “in Christ” is there eternal life, **Galatians 3:26**, *“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”* The term “in Christ”, or its equivalent, is used over one hundred thirty times in the New Testament. This phrase describes our relationship with the risen Savior. To be in Christ is to share all that Christ is and all that He did. We share in His death, resurrection, and life by believing on Him (**Romans 8:1; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1**). The believer’s position in Christ by faith is clearly seen in many New Testament passages (**I Corinthians 15:22; 1:2; 12:12-13; II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:1-7; Colossians 2:10**). According to **I Corinthians 15:22**, we are either in Adam or we are in Christ Jesus, *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”*

Aquila and Priscilla were one in Christ in that they both believed the gospel, and had complete assurance that Jesus Christ was the Messiah and Savior of the world.

### One In Marriage

In Holy Matrimony, God declares a couple to be one flesh. In **Ephesians 5:30-33**, this relationship between a man and woman is a picture of Christ and the church. The phrase, “one flesh” is a term reserved only for marriage in the Bible. There is no other relationship like it, not even the parent-child relationship. Marriage is the joining together of not only two people for God’s glory, but two hearts, wills, minds, and goals. In marriage, a couple becomes heirs together according to **I Peter 3:7**, *“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”* In **Genesis 2:18-20**, God says, it is not good for man to be alone. Marriage is designed by God and given from the very beginning of creation.

Aquila and Priscilla were united in Holy Matrimony by God’s grace and for His purpose. **Hebrews 13:4**, *“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”* It is as if they lost their

individual identity and became fully integrated into one. We never think of one without the other. The word cleave in **Genesis 2:24**, means to be joined, bonded, or cemented together. This word is used also in the covenant relationship between God and His people (**Deuteronomy 10:20; 11:22; 13:4; 30:20; Joshua 22:5; 23:8**). Aquila and Priscilla knew the spiritual aspect of marriage. Their home was more than a place to live, eat, sleep, or change clothes. It was truly a Christ-centered home that welcomed true piety.

### One In Service

In **Romans 16:3-5**, we clearly see their devotion to the work of God, *“Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers 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. Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.”* The Apostle Paul highly praised in this chapter many people who helped in the ministry. But Aquila and Priscilla are the first on the list. In **verse three**, they are called helpers, **verse four**, describes their courage, and **verse five**, shows their love for The Church. They not only assisted the Apostle in gospel ministry, but put their own lives in danger for Him. This is a rare thing today in our selfish, self-centered society. They stood for truth and were not silent about it. In **verse five**, their home was open to God’s people on a regular basis. Not only did the Apostle Paul spend much time in their home, but it was used for church services as well. Many houses today are only trophies and museums. They are not used for the Lord. They are monuments to our greedy appetite. Their home was not only open to God’s people but also to strangers. All that they had was used for the Kingdom’s sake. We read again of the church in their home in **I Corinthians 16:19**. This couple loved the Lord and His people. They also loved the preacher and loved the gospel message. We must pray more to be like Aquila and Priscilla in the church of Jesus Christ.

The last time Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned is in **II Timothy 4:19**. In the Apostle Paul’s last letter, and many years since we first meet them, they are still serving the Lord faithfully. Not only were they addicted to the ministry of the saints (**I Corinthians 16:15**), they stayed “by the stuff” (**I Samuel 30:23-25**), and there is a glorious crown for them (**II Timothy 4:8**).

We use a phrase today describing a special place for ministers, missionaries, and other Christians passing through as a “Prophet’s Chamber” taken from a passage in **II Kings 4:10-11**, *“Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. And it fell on a day, that he came*