

Aquila-Priscilla, Apollos, Onesiphorus: Four people who helped advance the ministry of Paul

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Aquila and Priscilla

world travelers

Priscilla is mentioned first at times, perhaps a person of special standing

Acts 18:1-3, Jews-Christians; 51 AD, Pontus to Rome to Corinth

- Encouraged and were helpful to Paul
- Law-abiding
- They had a job, were not official ministers, not dependent on church support

Acts 18:24-28, 53 AD, Corinth to Ephesus

- Teachers of Apollos, had an influence on Apollos
- Teachers of gospel, evangelistic
- Good Bible students

Romans 16:3-5, now in Rome

- Colaborers, risked their lives for Paul
- Were honored by the Gentile churches
- Hospitality, church met in their home in Rome

! Cor 16:19, now in Ephesus, from where Paul wrote the letter

- Now there is a church in their home in Ephesus
- Send greetings to Corinth, not minimally involved, but well-known, active, involved

2 Tim. 4:19

- Now they are likely part of the church in the house of Onesiphorus, 2 Tim. 1:16-17
- Possible influence on Onesiphorus, perhaps encourager of Onesiphorus

Apollos, de Alexandria

Acts 18:24-28, in Ephesus

1 Cor 1:12, leader in thinking of Corinthians, possible source of division, party spirit

3:3-10, see even more of possible source of division, 3:21-23

16:12, Corinthians asked about him, "Now about..."

Perhaps he does not want to go to help to resolve the divisions, loyalties, allegiances, will be easier without his presence

Titus 3:13, perhaps carried letter to Titus, helping deal with problems with the Jews

Onesiphorus

2 Tim 4:19

2 Tim 1:16-18