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THE CEMENT OF MARRIAGE

I. Meet Priscilla & Aquila.

Acts 18:1-3, 11, 18-19, 24-26.

A. We know little of this team, yet all complimentary

B. Features:

1. Inseparable.
2. Activity of one the activity of the other - mutualit
(a) Tentmaker.
(b) Counsellors.
(c) Teachers.
(d) Senders & receivers.
3. Mobile.
4. No children (?)
5. Church workers.
6. Intellectually stimulating.
7. Give & take (66 column inches in Web. unabridge
to take; 22 to give - 3 to 1 ratio.
8. Accept change - flexible.

C. Acts 18:1-3.

1. Came to Corinth from Athens.
 - a.) Rebuilt by Julius Caesar.
 - b.) Isthmus between Aegean & Ionian Seas.
 - c.) Residence of Proconsul.
 - d.) Large & prosperous city - Commerce.
 - e.) Naval rival of Athens - port on either side of isthmus.
 - f.) Leveled by Rome 146 BC - waste 100 yr. - Julius Caesar rebuilt 46 BC.
 - g.) 40 miles from Athens.

h.) Aphrodite - 1000 prostitutes - AcroCorinthus rises 1886' to flat top.

2. Found Aquila & Priscilla.

a.) Latin names.

b.) Born in Asia Minor - lately from Italy.

c.) Made to leave by Claudius (Chrestus quote) - Only Emperor who is twice named in NT - here & Acts 11:28. AD49 edit of banishment.

d.) Was Paul disappointed over Athens failure when he came?

1 Cor. 2:3 "And I was with you in weakness, and in *fear & much trembling* and in feebleness of flesh."

e.) Uninterrupted success hard on any preacher - so's failure.

f.) Priscilla mentioned 1st - was she higher social class? Paul calls her Prisca, Lu. Priscilla

g.) Refugees like Paul?

3. Tentmakers (leather workers) don't know.

a.) Worked - knew a trade.

b.) Hospitable.

c.) Jews glorified work "He who does not teach his son a trade teaches him robbery."

d.) Rabbi not detached scholars - not pd. - stayed c working people.

4. Stayed 1 1/2 yr. (V. 11).

a.) During time wrote 2 Thess.

b.) Lustful city - sexual license.

c.) Defied lust.

d.) Live like a Corinthian.

e.) A Corinthian in Shakespeare's 17th century was a drunkard.

f.) More receptive to gospel than Athens.

g.) Athens had pride & fading glory.

"The world by wisdom knew not God."

D. Acts 18:18-19

1. Priscilla mentioned 1st.

Rom. 16:3 "Greet P. & A. my helpers in Christ Jesus

2 Tim. 4:19 "Salute P. & A. & the household of Onesiphorus"

a.) Bruce said had 3 branches of business now at Ephesus, Corinth & Rome.

2. Last mention of Silas.

3. Paul shorn head - vow.

a.) Voluntary

b.) Avoid Jewish prejudice.

c.) Was vow Nazarite.

Nu. 6:5 "All the days of the vow of his separation shall he eat only bread of affliction and drink only water"

18 "And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his vow"

d.) Cut hair at end of vow.

e.) Should he have made one - best of people err.

f.) Who cut his hair.

g.) Boles: "As a Jew Paul kept up his observance of the ceremonial law for some incidences but refused to impose it on Gentiles."

h.) Don't lay bonds - practice liberty.

4. He left them there.

a.) Great folks.

b.) Acq. & Prisc. + Paul all Jews.

c.) Both travelers.

d.) Had church in their house.

Rom. 16:3-5 "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus"

E. Acts 18:24-26.

1. Meet Apollos.

a.) Born Alexandria.

(1) Egyptian city, named for Alex the Great.

(2) Great fusion of all elements in this city.

(3) Center of learning.

(4) Some think Luke jealous of Alexandrian Chr., thus putting it down.

b.) Eloquent.

c.) Mighty in Scrp.

(1) Knew Kingdom, baptism & Lorship of Jesus.

(2) Like Nehemiah "gave the sense of the Scrp." - not just quote.

d.) Came to Ephesus.

1.) Don't know why.

2.) River Cayster required constant dredging.

e.) Instructed - Fervent - Spake diligently - Baptism of John.

1.) Heart warm.

2.) Desired to impart teaching.

3.) Diligent = accurately, same word in V. 26 for "perfectly".

4.) All he knew about Jesus was what John taught.

5.) Preached truth as far as he knew it.

f.) Spake boldly.

g.) P. & A. heard - took - expounded.

1. Took privately.

2. Now see why in providence they are left & Paul sailed on.

3. See a woman teach.

4. See an eloquent man humble & teachable.

5. Did they baptize him?
6. Apollos not bigoted.
7. Apollos a man of ability & still teachable.
8. "Man who finishes his education never began it."
(Scroggie)
9. Now see why expelled - meeting via providence like Phillip & eunuch.
10. Priscilla couldn't preach but could make Apollos a better one.
 - h.) Went to Achaia - br. wrote - exhorted to rec. - helped much - mightily convinced - Jesus is Christ.
 - 1.) Very stoutly bore them down in argument.
 - 2.) Continued to do so.
 - 3.) P. & A. sponsored & encouraged a new voice.
 - 4.) No hint of Jealous among leaders.
 - 5.) Apollos successful at Corinth.
- I Cor. 1:12 "Now this I say, that every one of you say"
- I Cor. 3:6 "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God"
- 6.) Apollos had made an about face in **teaching** - he could be more effective somewhere else.
- 7.) Paul spoke warmly of Apollos & never accused him of Partyism.
- I Cor. 4:9 "For I think that God hath set forth us the c"
- 16:12 "As touching our brother Apollos, I greatl

II. Let these folk be a lesson to us.

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