

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

International Sunday School Lesson For September 5

Golden Text: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers."—Hebrews 13:2.

Lesson Text: Acts 18:1-3, 18, 19, 24-26; Romans 16:3-5; I Cor. 16:19; II Timothy 4:19.

Continuing our study of unheralded Bible characters, this week we consider Aquila and Priscilla, husband and wife. Aquila was a Jew, born in Pontus, who had lived for some time in Italy. When all the Jews living in Rome were ordered to leave the Imperial City, Aquila and his wife, Priscilla, settled in Corinth and there plied their trade of tent-makers with some degree of success.

After a rather disheartening visit to Athens, the Apostle Paul arrived in Corinth and, as the custom was among the early Christians, he immediately went to the "church" to meet other believers. The "church" at this time was in the hospitable home of Aquila and Priscilla and it was there that Paul met this worthy couple.

Being a tent-maker himself, Paul stayed on in the home and joined with them in their work. At that time, every member of a Jewish family, no matter how wealthy the family was, was taught a trade at which he could earn his living. Paul found Aquila and Priscilla not only fellow craftsmen, but also partners in suffering for the cause of Christ.

This couple, Aquila and Priscilla, seemed to have been inseparable. Every mention of one includes mention of the other. Sometimes the name of the husband is given first, while often times the name of the wife comes first. We can judge, then, that they were both zealous in the spread of the news about Christ. While we know little of the background of Priscilla, we can conclude, from the passages given for our study, that she was a woman of refinement, of intelligence and of gracious spirit.

Not only did she play a great part in the life of Paul, in providing him with employment and hospitality in their home, they gave of their companionship and sympathetic understanding of inestimable comfort to a man who, for the sake of Christ, had suffered so much and had given up the hope of ever having a home of his own in his life.

When Paul went to Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla went with him and there they stayed until he went to Jerusalem and Antioch. Quietly and unobtrusively, while he was away, these consecrated workers laid the foundations on which the Apostle was later to build. Paul, in Acts 19:8-41; (Cor. 16:8-9, and II Cor. 1:8-11) tells that this couple risked their lives for his sake. They were willing to die, if need be, for the Gospel's sake.

Not only did Aquila and Priscilla help Paul, they helped another servant of God's, Apollos, a brilliant and eloquent preacher, came under their ministry. After hearing Apollos preach, Aquila and Priscilla, while admitting that he was "mighty in the Scriptures," realized that there was something missing in his experience, for he preached "only of the baptism of John."

Taking Apollos into their home,

they "expounded unto him the way of God more accurately." As one writer states, "There was no public ridicule; no endeavor to 'show up' the ignorance of the young and enthusiastic preacher." Rather, "they took him unto themselves" and there they kindly and earnestly taught him

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# The STUFFED SHIRT

You've met this man before! Remember him? What grand airs he liked to assume! What vain boasts poured from his lips! He was forever trying to make an impression, but most people saw through his false front. They called him a STUFFED SHIRT!

Airs and vanity rarely fool us. We look for the inner qualities of a man's character. Only when those inner qualities are just as fine as the external impression he makes—only then are we sure we have met a man of the highest mettle.

The Church builds character! Into the life of the individual and of the community it pours those moral and spiritual influences which develop man's innate nobility. Through religious education and the worship of God, the Church points young and old to the high goals and rich resources of Christian living.

Choose a church and make it YOUR CHURCH.



### THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday . . . . . I Samuel 16:6, 7  
Monday . . . . . Matthew 7:24-29  
Tuesday . . . . . Philippians 4:8, 9  
Wednesday . . . . . James 1:22-27  
Thursday . . . . . Matthew 6:16-21  
Friday . . . . . Proverbs 23:6, 7  
Saturday . . . . . Galatians 6:1-8

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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# Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
W. H. Marler, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
E. B. Edwards, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. J. Berryman, Pastor  
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 11 A. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

**PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING**  
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister  
Bible School, 10 A. M.  
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 7:15 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 8 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rev. Preston Cayton, Pastor  
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except fourth Sunday, at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship on fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

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