

## **A Christian Family**

Acts 18:1-3

PROPOSITION: Great families have at least three things: salvation, service, and sanctification.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Great congregations of the Lord's church are made up of great families.
2. It is ideal for entire families to love and serve God together.
3. God intends for Christianity to be a family affair.
  - a. Cornelius and Gentiles: "You will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14).
  - b. Lydia: "And after she was baptized, and her household as well..." (Acts 16:15).
  - c. Philippian Jailer: "You will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:31).
  - d. In Lystra, Paul found a disciple named Timothy who was raised by a godly mother who was raised by a godly mother (cf. Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5).
4. Our text speaks of a married couple that worshiped and served God together.

### **DISCUSSION: A Christian family is...**

#### **I. A saved family.**

- A. Aquila and Priscilla were Jewish Christians who were banished from their home in Rome.
- B. This was a family under pressure.
- C. Stress and tension are a huge part of homes of today.
- D. Children are a blessing from God, but when they enter the picture, the stress goes up.
- E. Taking care of a family is easier with the help of the Lord and a good congregation.
- F. A great family is a saved family.

#### **II. A serving family.**

- A. After we are introduced to Aquila and Priscilla, the other times we see them, they are serving (cf. Acts 18:18, 19, 24-28; 1 Cor. 16:19; Rom. 16:3-5; 2 Tim. 4:19).
- B. Though tentmakers, their main business was God's business.
- C. Re: Apollos (Acts 18:24-28). The Christian couple took him to their home for dinner and study.
- D. We can do many things for the Lord as a family.
- E. A great family is a serving family.

#### **III. A sanctified family.**

- A. From Ephesus Paul wrote, "Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord" (1 Cor. 16:19). The Ephesian brethren were "saints" (Eph. 1:1).
- B. To be "sanctified" is to be set apart for special service.
- C. In Rome, the church also met in the house of Aquila and Priscilla (Rom. 16:5).
- D. Wherever they were, these two determined they would be available for God's use.
- E. A great family is a sanctified family.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Aquila and Priscilla had a great family that led to great work for God's cause.
2. I hope every one of us can be a part of a saved family, a serving family, and a sanctified family.

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