



You Asked For It

Women in the Pulpit?

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Acts 18:1-4 (ESV) *"After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks." And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla,*

Philippians 3:5-6 (ESV) *"circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless."*

- **Circumcised on the eighth day:** Only strict Jewish families followed this ritual. Paul came from a highly religious family.
- **From the people or stock of Israel:** This statement would carry nationalistic pride.
- **The tribe of Benjamin:** It was the most prized of all the tribes of Israel.
- **Hebrew of Hebrews:** This is a cream-of-the-crop statement. "I came from the best" is what Paul was saying.
- **As to the law, a Pharisee:** The strictest sect of all the sects.
- **As to zeal, a persecutor of the Church:**
 - **Zeal:** Today this would be called the right wing.
 - In that day they believed in religious cleansing.
 - **Persecutor:** This meant to hunt people like animals in order to torture them or even kill them.
- **As to righteousness under the law, blameless:** This is a statement no one understands because there were 613 laws in the Torah. Paul said he kept them as good, if not better, than anyone else.
- Women were looked upon as "less than" men.
- Women were only considered to be a little higher than dogs.
- At that time, every little Jewish boy was taught to say this during his morning prayers: "God, I thank you I was born a man and not a woman. Better to be born a dog than a woman."

Acts 18:11 (ESV) *"And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."*

Acts 18:18 (ESV) *"After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow."*

Acts 18:26 (ESV) *"He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."*

Romans 16:3 (ESV) *"Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,"*

2 Timothy 4:19 (ESV) *“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.”*

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

Acts 13:1 (AMPC) *“NOW IN the church (assembly) at Antioch there were prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God) and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.”*

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV) *“Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”*

1 Timothy 2:11-12 (ESV) *“Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.”*

1 Corinthians 14:33-35 (ESV) *“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, the women (Greek - wives) should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.”*

1 Timothy 3:1-2 (NKJV) *“This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;”*

Romans 16:1-16 (ESV)

Philippians 4:2-3 (NKJV) *“I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.”*

Acts 2:17-18 (ESV) *“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, (to preach) and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.” (To Preach)*

When the Holy Spirit was poured out, He broke down every wall and every partition man had put up.
The Bible erases *all* distinctions!

Over 93 women are listed in the Bible; 49 are named.