

THE SEVEN HOMES IN WHICH THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS WELCOME

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. [2Tim 1:15](#)

#	HOME - TEACHING	SCRIPTURE	COMMENTS
1	Lydia (Faithfulness)	<p>And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard <i>us</i>: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought <i>us</i>, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide <i>there</i>. And she constrained us. ... And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.</p> <p>Act 16:14-15, 40</p>	<p>Lydia, a recent convert, is faithful in what she knows, has her household baptized counting on God, and accepts the apostle Paul and his doctrine in simple faith. The apostle was comfortable to return to this home when let go from prison.</p>
2	Jailer (Care)	<p>And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed <i>their</i> stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. Act 16:27-34</p>	<p>The Jailer, another recent convert, brings Paul and Silas into his house and washes their wounds and sets meat before them.</p> <p>This care for the saints of God should characterized all who profess to hold the precious truth which the apostle Paul called "his gospel". The truth should be practically seen in our lives.</p>
3	Jason (Identification)	<p>But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, <i>one</i> Jesus.</p> <p>And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. Act 17:6-9</p>	<p>Dear Jason and his home were so associated with the apostle and the Lord Jesus that when the rulers wanted to find Paul they knew exactly where to go. Jason is another name, like Joshua, which is the same word as Jesus and this beloved follower of Jesus was faithful in being identified with the apostle Paul even to being persecuted for it.</p>

4	<p>Aquila & Pricilla (Teachers)</p>	<p>After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. Act 18:1-3</p> <p>And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, <i>and</i> mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. Act 18:24-26</p>	<p>This wonderful couple is mentioned six times in the Scriptures; 3 times Aquila is mentioned first, if the statement is about the assembly, and 3 times Pricilla is mentioned first, if the thought is more related to the home. Aquila means “eagle-hearted”, giving the thought of our heavenly position in Christ. Pricilla means “old-fashioned” giving the thought of holding fast to the old paths. They were used <u>to teach</u> the apostle Paul’s doctrine to Apollos.</p>
5	<p>Justus (Assembly)</p>	<p>And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man’s house, named Justus, <i>one</i> that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. Act 18:7</p>	<p>This faithful man welcomed the apostle into his home which was now associated with the assembly which had previously been identified with the synagogue.</p>
6	<p>Philip (Home in order)</p>	<p>And the next <i>day</i> we that were of Paul’s company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was <i>one</i> of the seven; and abode with him. And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy. Act 21:8, 9</p>	<p>Philip the evangelist was used mightily of God to preach to the Samaritans in Acts 8 and also lead the Ethiopian eunuch to the Lord but here the emphasis is that his home was <u>in order</u> all following the precious truth. What a testimony!</p>
7	<p>Mnason (Endurance)</p>	<p>There went with us also <i>certain</i> of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge. Act 21:16</p>	<p>A dear saint who is characterized by being an <u>old disciple</u> who went on faithfully to the end. How uncommon this is but such a delight to the heart of God and specially recorded.</p>