

Letter 26: 8 April 1519, [Basel], Capito to Desiderius Erasmus

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[*Summary*]: Capito asks Erasmus not to engage in a public controversy with Martin Luther. Avoiding a dispute with the reformer would give a younger generation the courage to continue the program of reform. He reminds Erasmus of the support Luther enjoys in Wittenberg and from Duke Frederick the Wise. Capito warns that a dispute with Luther would only please Erasmus' and Luther's enemies.