

Letter 39: 17 March 1520, Basel, Capito to Martin Luther

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[*Summary*]: Capito praises Luther for what he has accomplished for humanity since only he can take a stand against the pontiffs and mendicants. So far he has protected Luther's interests [in Mainz]. Edward Lee has written against Erasmus. Luther's opponents in Louvain and Cologne have condemned some of his theses. Capito regrets being drawn into the dispute, but encourages Luther not to back away from the expected dangers. He sends greetings to Melanchthon, Karlstadt and other theologians and asks Luther to direct letters for him to Mainz and to write to Hutten.