

Letter 110: End of September or beginning of October 1521, [Halle?], Capito to Martin Luther

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[*Summary*]: Luther has attracted the support of the common people because he has undertaken his work out of love of piety. Capito fears, however, that his radical approach will cause many of his followers to desert him. It has been reported that Luther is exacerbating matters by explicitly naming the church leaders whose vices he exposes. Capito cites the examples of Christ and Paul who criticized discreetly, which demonstrate that the spirit of Christ is gentle. He urges Luther to act more moderately in the future, expressing fears that Albert of Brandenburg may turn against him.