

Letter 179: 17 January 1524, [Strasbourg], Capito to Willibald Pirckheimer

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[*Summary*]: Daniel Mieg, who is attending the Diet of Nürnberg, is the bearer of the present letter. He does not speak Latin but is intelligent and a staunch supporter of the Reformation. He will give Pirckheimer the news about Strasbourg and will report back any news Pirckheimer has. Many preachers have married in accordance with Scripture. It is important to be free of the burdensome superstitions the Roman church has imposed on the world, and to uphold only the gospel law. Capito is waiting, either to be exiled (i.e. lose his provostship) or delivered from service to “Baal”. He is suffering physically from the gout, but his mind is at peace. He asks Pirckheimer to supply him with manuscripts for the printing house of his relative, Wolfgang Köpfel.