

Letter 219: [Mid-October 1524, Strasbourg, The Strasbourg Preachers to the City Council of Strasbourg]

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[*Summary*]: The preachers are in agreement with Luther on twelve points: the principles of *sola scriptura* and *sola fide*; concerning dietary laws; the priesthood of all believers; the abolition of the mass; the reduction of the number of sacraments; vows; adoration of saints; purgatory; singing; secular authority; power of councils. Of special interest is Article 5, concerning the Eucharist. The question of transubstantiation is not touched upon; the preachers want to make only two points: (a) the Eucharist is not a sacrifice, but commemorates the death of Christ, and (b) not only the priest but the congregation as well must partake of the bread and wine.