

Letter 249: 27 October 1525, Strasbourg, Capito to Johannes Oecolampadius

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[*Summary*]: Oecolampadius will find it easy to argue against transubstantiation (*impanatio Dei*), which has no foundation in scripture. Karlstadt, who acted out of personal ambition, has now recanted and has been reconciled with Luther. Franz Irenicus reports that Melanchthon will go to Nürnberg to help with the organization of a school there. Jakob Otter has reported to Bucer a decision by the Count Palatine to permit the preaching of the gospel. Otter agrees with Oecolampadius concerning the Eucharist. Bucer has urged other disciples of Oecolampadius to support their teacher. “Antonius Peregrinus” [pseudonym for Lefèvre d’Etaples] has read Oecolampadius’ writings and approves of them. Capito will report on the success of Caselius’ mission on his return (cf. above, Ep. 247). He has written to Claude Chansonnette, whom he believes to be a supporter of Oecolampadius. Luther has written [*Eyn sermon von der zerstörung Jerusalem*], threatening princes who do not support the gospel with a dire fate. Capito’s wife sends her greetings. He offers Oecolampadius hospitality, if needed. In a postscript, Capito asks for details about Pellicanus’ criticism of “Bilea” [pseudonym of Erasmus]. He is at a loss what to write to Tilman Limperger, whose words are self-incriminating. He wishes he could speak with Oecolampadius in person and is reluctant to write more plainly.