

Letter 276: 3 February 1526, [Strasbourg], Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: It was useful to read Zwingli's demonstration that the term "bread-flesh condition" (*artosarkosis*) is inconsistent with "God in the bread" (*Deus impanatus*), but Capito is afraid that Zwingli is trying too hard to create conditions for religious peace. In his opinion, the matter is not an article of faith and does not need definition. He does not want to stand in the way of a reconciliation, however. Capito thinks that the French above all will object to that definition. Johann Eck will no doubt make his position clear at the Disputation [of Baden]. He hopes that the Strasbourgers will be able to attend or at any rate observe the disputation [cf. below Ep. 288a headnote].

There has been a [false] rumour that Balthasar [Hubmaier] was handed over to the authorities in Ensisheim, who claim they are not executing anyone for his beliefs [but rather for subversive activities]. Capito hopes that everything will turn out to the benefit of the community.

The Zurich consistory is discussing marriage and divorce. The Strasbourg reformers accept "divorce authorized by the magistrate as God separating what he has joined." Capito asks for Zwingli's opinion on marriages involving cousins or permanently ill spouses.