

Letter 282: 4 April 1526, [Strasbourg], Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: The Anabaptist, Wilhelm [Exel or Echsel], has been at Capito's house, where they privately discussed baptism three times. Exel talked indiscreetly in public, claiming that the Strasbourg reformers approved of his beliefs. The reformers had a discussion also with Exel's host [Jörg Ziegler?]. The dispute is still ongoing. The Catholics insisted on going to confession during the Easter season in an attempt to cause commotion. The Strasbourg reformers, by contrast, are striving for peace and quiet. Stephan [Stör] is still in prison [cf. above, Ep. 273]. Zwingli's letter [not extant] was helpful and gave him hope. The courier will inform Zwingli about the reformers in Silesia. The young man Zwingli sent is doing well at the pharmacist [see above, Epp. 272, 273]. The situation in France will hamper the gospel.

Capito has read Zwingli's [*Ad Theobaldi Billicani et Urbani Rhegii epistolas responsio*, Zurich, 1526] and is pleased with its moderate tone. [Willibald] Pirckheimer has written against Oecolampadius [i.e. *De vera Christi carne et vero eius sanguine ad Ioan. Oecolampadium responsio* (Nürnberg, 1526)]. The reformers in Silesia are on Zwingli's side, even if they disagree slightly about the phrasing. Zwingli's response to Billicanus will help in this respect.