

Letter 328: 18 March [1527], Basel, Johannes Oecolampadius to Capito

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[*Summary*]: Hieronymus [Bothanus], assistant [at St. Martin in Basel], will visit Oecolampadius' parents [in Weinsberg]. He knows about the affairs of Basel and is aware of Oecolampadius' marriage plans. Capito may discuss private and confidential information openly with Bothanus, as well as anything pertaining to the church. Meetings are being held in Bern to find a way to establish peace among the Swiss and resist the provocations of the papists. Oecolampadius is enclosing a copy of his response to [Willibald] Pirckheimer [i.e. *Ad Willibaldum Pykraimerum* [sic] *de Eucharistia ... responsio posterior*, Basel: Cratander, 1527] and some writings of Zwingli that will give him a taste of the book soon to appear. The first page is missing, he notes. After Easter, Oecolampadius will respond to [Josse] Clichtove, or rather, to the Paris theologians. If Capito has a message for Oecolampadius' parents that Bothanus might convey, he should feel free to do so. Several men were martyred in Ensisheim in the preceding week. Greetings to Bucer and the rest of the Strasbourg brethren. Best wishes to Capito's wife [Agnes Roettel].