

Letter 332b: 2 July 1527, Strasbourg, The Strasbourg Preachers to the Elect of God at Worms

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[*Summary*]: The Strasbourg preachers warn the elect in Worms against the seven articles¹ that were recently posted in Worms by Jakob Kautz. These articles reflect the heterodox views of Hans Denck, which he advocated in Strasbourg and which the Strasbourg preachers oppose.

¹ See below, Ep. 336, note 6. The points were:

1. The inner word is superior to the exterior word.
2. The word and sacraments, which are external signs, cannot assure one of salvation.
3. Infant baptism is contrary to the teachings of Christ.
4. The concept of the Real Presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper must be rejected.
5. The sin of the first Adam was redeemed by Christ, the new Adam.
6. Christ's suffering was not sufficient for us if we do not follow his example.
7. Christ's suffering has no validity for those who do not take it truly to heart.