

Letter 333: 7 July 1527, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: Nothing that has been published on the subject of the Eucharist can match Zwingli's book against Luther's slanders [*Das dise wort Jesu...* (Zurich: Froschauer, 1527)]. People say that [Justus] Jonas will translate Luther's attack into Latin for the sake of the French and the Italians. Capito urges Zwingli to have his own books translated into Latin. He suggests entrusting the task to either [Oswald] Myconius or Leo [Jud]. He asks Zwingli to undo the negative publicity the reformers have received from the publication of the proceedings of the Disputation of Baden [i.e. the official version which favoured the Catholic protagonists] published by [Thomas] Murner. There may be people in Zurich, who might not be aware of its biased nature.

The Anabaptists are causing much trouble in Strasbourg. Their leader is [Ludwig] Hätzer, who has now moved to Worms. On account of the activities of Hätzer and [Jakob] Kautz [cf. preceding letter], the city council [of Worms] has forbidden all preaching. The Count Palatine, [Ludwig V] has been turned against the reformers. The Anabaptists altogether deny the merit of Christ. [Hans] Denck, the leader of that blasphemy, has easily won over Hätzer. [Martin] Bucer sends greetings to Zwingli.