

Letter 343: 28 October 1527, Strasbourg, Capito to Michael Cellarius

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[*Summary*]: The Strasbourg reformers were pleased to read [i.e. the unpublished *Vermahnung* of Urbanus Rhegius, Stephan Agricola, Johannes Frosch and Cellarius] against the Anabaptists. They are a stubborn lot and seduce the hearts of the simple, but the Strasbourg reformers counsel patience and charity. It is important that the reformers maintain concord among themselves. Accordingly they were alarmed at receiving a letter from an (unnamed) Anabaptist who claimed that the Augsburg reformers did not dare to affirm anything about the Eucharist. The Strasbourg reformers warn them not to give their enemies a handle to slander them. Unity in questions of doctrine is essential. There have been positive reports from England. The people of Bern are making progress [in their preparations for the Disputation of Bern, 1528?] and those of Basel are labouring [over the question of abolishing the Mass?].