

Letter 352: 29 March 1528, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: Capito sends Zwingli a copy of *In Hoseam prophetam ... commentarius* [see above, Epp. 350, 351]. If the commentary does not agree in all points with Zwingli, it should not affect their Christian concord. He has not mentioned Zwingli in the commentary because Bucer counselled against it. If Luther or the papists attack Zwingli in the wake of the Disputation of Bern [in January 1528], Capito will defend him. He regrets that Bucer has not mentioned Zwingli in his commentary on John [published April, 1528]. Instead, he celebrated his victory over Treger in the preface. The published proceedings of the Disputation of Bern will reveal the prowess of Zwingli and Oecolampadius. Some people hope for discord among the reformers, but they will be disappointed. Capito appreciates Zwingli's integrity, faith, and "truly bishop-like qualities." The Strasbourg preachers intend to show patience in the face of Luther's furious criticism. The news Capito gave Zwingli [in a lost letter] concerning the Swabian League turned out to be false. Zwingli will soon see Luther's [*Vom Abendmahl Christi Bekenntnis*]. There will be an opportunity to respond. He asks Zwingli to write frequently. His letters are read by many to great benefit. Bucer sends his greetings.