

Letter 356: 22 April 1528, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: Capito has shown Zwingli's letter [lost] to his friends. In Strasbourg, they are negotiating about the abolition of the mass. He has expressed his views in the commentary on Hosea [see above, Ep. 351]. He wants Zwingli to attribute any errors to ignorance rather than evil intent. He hopes that Zwingli's reply to Luther will be moderate. There is no call for feelings of revenge. It is best to stay away from arguments ad hominem and concentrate on the doctrinal question instead. Zwingli's views have broad support. There are rumours that the peasants of Saxony are preparing a rebellion. The princes are putting money and power ahead of the gospel. Capito hints that important matters will come to a head on 1 May [concerning the mass? Cf. below, Ep. 358]. Capito sends greetings to [Diethelm] Roist, [Wolfgang Mangold], and [Johannes Schmid, parish priest of Dällikon?].