

Letter 366: 31 July 1528, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: The Strasbourg preachers hope that the mass will be abolished soon. There is some disagreement, but it does not disturb the peace. One must distinguish between two kinds of Anabaptists: the leaders, who avoid Capito and whom he dislikes because they are schemers; and the simple people who are willing to be guided and should be led gently to a true understanding of the Bible. He does not support the likes of Balthasar [Hubmaier] or [Hans] Denck. The truth will win out. He himself is devoted to the study of the three biblical languages, but at present he is “exhausted by the thorny problems” of Hebrew. Whatever errors he commits are simple errors and free of malice and obstinacy on his part. He will carefully study Zwingli’s commentary on Isaiah [published in May 1529] and admires Zwingli’s skill. He will also read [*Gemeinsame Schrift Zwinglis und Oecolampads*] against Luther, but will not judge it since he has not yet heard the other party. He asks Zwingli to have Paul Roßdorfer’s goods [see above, Ep. 365] brought to him.