

Letter 382: 29 March 1529, [Strasbourg], Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: [Johann] Mantel and [Melchior] Ambach [see above, Ep. 380] will tell Zwingli of the conditions in Strasbourg. They will soon find a suitable candidate for Solothurn. Capito assures Zwingli of the loyalty of the Strasbourgers and alludes to the alliance planned by Philip of Hesse. Oecolampadius can tell Zwingli more. The Basel city scribe, [Kaspar Schaller], was recently in Strasbourg [cf. above, Ep. 380]. At the [second Diet of] Speyer there was a fierce debate about banning the Zwinglians and the Anabaptists. The two “heresies” were being treated as one. Mantel will tell Zwingli the rest. Thirty-nine Anabaptists have recently been imprisoned; rumour has it that another eighteen have been seized today. [Hedio, Bucer, and Zell laid a formal complaint against the Anabaptists before the council on 20 March]. Capito asks Zwingli’s pardon for his recent remarks about the latter’s commentary on Isaiah – they were based on the judgment of others.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Cf. above, Ep. 381, but the phrasing would indicate that Capito made specific suggestions, perhaps in a letter now lost.