

Letter 410: 15 May 1530, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: Karlstadt has recently come to Strasbourg. Capito approves of his views on the Eucharist, but he has no prospect of obtaining a position in Strasbourg. Zwingli will find him lacking in only one respect: his dialect. He will be content with modest means. Capito feels sorry for Karlstadt on account of the persecution he suffers from Luther. Luther has also spoken harshly about Zwingli and, in a recent letter [not extant], against the Strasbourg theologians and Oecolampadius. He criticized Capito personally at the Marburg Colloquy (*Scio... quae idem palam asseruit de me Marpurgi*). Philip [Melanchthon] is hypocritical (*fucata dictione praeditus est*). He has spoken abusively about the Strasbourgers, alleging that they deny the divinity of Christ. He said moreover “that he would rather come to terms with the papists than with us heretics.” Philip of Hesse instructed his delegates to urge concord among the reformers and to refer questions to a future council. He does not expect the Diet of Augsburg to establish a definite date for such a council. The emperor will seek a financial subsidy. Capito asks Zwingli to find a position for Karlstadt. He sends his greetings to [the mayor, Diethelm] Resch [or, Roist]. The departure of [Jacob] Sturm and Matthis Pfarrer for Augsburg is imminent.