

Letter 417: [15 July 1530, Strasbourg, Capito and Martin Bucer to Philip Melanchthon]

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[*Summary*]: They would prefer a personal interview rather than providing a written explanation of their views on the Eucharist. They agree with the Lutherans on the Real Presence. If Zwingli denies it in his statement to the emperor, he merely means to deny its presence in a specific place and dimension (*dimensionibus suis et loco praesens*); when he says Christ is present “in the contemplation of the faith,” he means that Christ’s body is eaten “through the benefit of faith,” which the Lutherans will not deny. From the enclosed pamphlet [i.e. Oecolampadius’ *Quid de Eucharistia veteres...*], he will see that Oecolampadius denies only the natural consubstantiation of body and bread.