

Letter 420a: 8 [August 1530], Augsburg, [Martin Bucer to the Strasbourg Preachers]

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[*Summary*]: The emperor called the representatives of the evangelicals and offered to present them with a response on condition that they accept this response as final. This was not acceptable to the evangelicals. Joachim of Brandenburg, [Heinrich] of Braunschweig, and others offered to negotiate with the emperor on their behalf, but the evangelicals said they needed no negotiators since they were not enemies. On 6 August Philip of Hesse left on the pretext that his wife was fatally ill, which caused the emperor to tighten security. The *Confessio Tetrapolitana* has been given a harsh reception. Bucer asks for prayers that they may remain firm in their response. The emperor is powerful, but he cannot go against God. They cannot expect help from any of the princes, with the possible exception of Philip of Hesse. He hopes that Capito has arrived and informed them of what he saw in Augsburg. There is a rumour that the emperor will make concessions to the princes and cities until he can obtain a truce from the Turks.