

Letter 425: 5 September 1530, Zurich, Capito [Zwingli] to the Fünf Orte in the Swiss Confederacy

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[*Summary*]: The reformers urge the Catholic cities to maintain peace. They impose no demands on their preachers except that they preach the gospel rather than popish errors about purgatory, indulgences, and idolatry. Secular governments recognize that they must protect the spiritual welfare of their subjects and promote the gospel so as not to arouse the wrath of God. It is their task, moreover, to protect the worldly goods of their subjects. This being so, the Five Towns ought to permit gospel preaching. The lack of God's Word is the only thing that divides them. They invite them to embrace peace and concord. They ask that this statement be read in their assembly.