

Letter 437: 4 April 1531, Strasbourg, Capito to Ulrich Zwingli

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[*Summary*]: The Turks are reported to be preparing an attack on Austria. The emperor is gathering military resources, but they are aimed at the reformers, according to the reports of Dutch merchants. Merchants from Venice report that a truce is being negotiated with the Turks. Some people say that Zurich is in great danger of being attacked. It is necessary to come to an agreement with the Lutherans. Philip [Melanchthon] has adopted a hostile tone toward Bucer in his letters to Nürnberg. There is fierce opposition against them in Augsburg as well. Duke [Ernst] of [Braunschweig]-Lüneburg is urging concord. A rumour was spread and reached Luther and Johannes Bugenhagen, that Bucer had reneged on the agreement reached in Marburg [1529]. He implores Zwingli to keep silent in future on the question of the Eucharist. They do not wish to compromise on the Truth, however, while seeking concord. In Augsburg, at any rate, a change has taken place. The council has rejected the Lutherans and embraces the Strasbourg beliefs. They have been invited to send two preachers to Augsburg [see above, Ep. 431b] and will send two more men shortly. Jacob Sturm, [a delegate at the Schmalkald meeting], has not yet returned. Sebastian [Meyer] will depart for Augsburg.