

Letter 447: [20-21 August 1531, Strasbourg], Capito to Simon Grynaeus

The manuscript of this letter is in the Zurich SA, E II , 349, p. 206. It is printed in CorrBucer 6, p. 60, note 30.

[*Summary:*] The Strasbourg preachers have read Grynaeus' letter to Bucer [CorrBucer 6, pp. 56-61, Ep. 447] and will give their answer within three days. They believe that the marriage between Henry VIII and Catherine was just and consensual and according to divine law. A divorce *in speciem* might be possible, or else one might have to think about repudiation or some other form of separation, even polygamy. Luther might approve of it, but it is a solution fraught with difficulties. It might be condoned in monarchs, however. It would be less embarrassing for the queen, if she retained her rank and honours. She might afterwards remarry. There was much unhappiness and disagreement among them. Grynaeus should perhaps hold off until he has heard their definitive opinion [cf. below, Ep. 459]. They expect they will agree with Zwingli.