

Letter 449: [10? September 1531, Basel], Simon Grynaeus to the Strasbourg preachers

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[*Summary*]: Grynaeus' advice is to send off the responses to [Henry VIII; cf. above, Epp. 447-8], even if they are not complete. The king will send a special messenger, [Thomas Cranmer], to listen to their views. The responses will be kept confidential. Grynaeus does not expect the theologians of Wittenberg to provide a response. The response of the Strasbourgers cannot be faulted. It focuses on the question of the king's conscience. The universities of Italy and France have given their opinion; so has Zwingli, who draws on arguments from natural and divine law. The messenger will go to Frankfurt. The Strasbourgers have Grynaeus' permission to revise his letter to the king. He asks Bucer to finalize and copy his last two letters and have them ready by the morning of the following day.