

Letter 497: 14 January 1533, [Strasbourg], Capito to Heinrich Bullinger

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[*Summary*]: Capito asks Bullinger to read Bucer's letter attentively [HBBW 3, Ep. 176]. He himself has written to the mayor, Diethelm Röist [not extant]. The Zurich council will obtain the help they ask for, but discretion is advised. Capito does not wish Bullinger to refer to the preachers' mediation. He regrets that they did not accept Philip of Hesse's help [in the Second Battle of Kappel]. Capito admonishes Bullinger to be more receptive to the reformed towns and avoid any quarrel with them, especially in view of the hostility of the common enemy, the Five Catholic Cantons. If they relapse into Catholicism, Zurich will be despised. Capito repeats that Zurich must ask for help from Strasbourg without mentioning the encouragement they received from the preachers. Discretion is also necessary in view of the peace settlement [of Nürnberg of 23 July 1532] with the emperor. Zurich is regarded as an enemy of the emperor. In soliciting help, Zurich must report the treatment they received from the enemy, profess their religious beliefs, and detail their expectations. First and foremost, they must restore relations with Bern and Basel. Capito has good hopes for the future.