

Letter 619: 20 July 1536, Strasbourg, Capito to Martin Luther

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[*Summary*]: Capito's respect for Luther increases daily. The mayor of Basel [Jakob Meyer zum Hirzen] treasures Luther's letter and will reply, but his priority is to establish concord in the city first, and then with the others. Capito is worried about Augsburg. There is a quarrel there between [Johann] Forster and Michael [Keller], which is harmful to the church. The important men in Mulhouse and Basel are in favour of the Concord. Basel has sent two leading ministers [Simon Grynaeus and Andreas Karlstadt] to discuss the matter with the Strasbourgers [see above, Ep. 616]. The plague is getting worse. Bucer has lost two youngsters and a baby boy. He received the news while in Frankfurt, where he is at present. Capito asks Luther to send his son [Hans] to be educated at Strasbourg. He can count on [Nikolaus] Gerbel, Bucer, [Petrus] Dasypodius, Jakob Bedrot, and Capito himself. [Jacques] Lefèvre d'Étaples and Erasmus have recently died, the latter on 11 July in Grynaeus' presence. Pope [Paul III] has called a council [in Mantua, bull of 2 June], but Capito suspects his purpose is a reconciliation between France and the Holy Roman Empire that will allow him to concentrate on fighting the Protestants. He sends the *protestatio* of the Emperor [*Unsers Herrn Keyzers Protestation und abschied ...*, 18 April 1536].