

Letter 161: 18 June 1523, Strasbourg, Capito to Desiderius Erasmus

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[*Summary*]: Capito writes from Strasbourg, relating the continuing criticism he faces from both Lutherans and papists because he refuses to take sides. The Lutherans have published satirical dialogues and broadsheets against him. Pope Adrian VI is said to have deprived him of the provostship of St. Thomas, but he can hardly believe that this is true. He asks Erasmus to put in a good word on his behalf. He has resigned his position at the court of Mainz and refuses to return, although the archbishop has written to him three times. He hears that Ulrich von Hutten has published his *Expostulatio*, in which he attacks Erasmus' moderation and accuses him of a lack of commitment.