

Town after town in N. Switzerland turned to the Gospel. But then the towns in the mountain area of S. Switzerland began to fear they would bring similar disputations into them. They said, We've got to put a stop to this. They said to the Emperor Charles who had already declared Luther an outlaw and asked him to give them help.

Zwingli saw that it was highly desirable that the Reformers be not just one here, and one here and one here, but that they work together. So it was asked that Luther and Zwingli should meet some of their friends and see if they could not stand together. There was an historic meeting at the Marburgh in fairly far north in Germany. Zwingli had to go through hostile territory in order to get there. But he was so interested in getting together with Luther that he took the risk and he and some of his friends made the trip up there.

At Marburgh they met and for several days they discussed. At the end of it Luther made a statement of his beliefs. The statement had 15 sections in it. Zwingli and his associates joyfully signed the first 14 and then the 15th one was on the communion. When it came to the communion they agreed that transubstantiation was wrong. They agreed that it is only through our faith in Christ that any of us can be saved and that no such miracle can be performed by the priest. But Luther said, "This IS my body." He said, "The very body of Christ is present; there's no change made. But the body of Christ is everywhere, and when we partake of the communion he said, We chew the body of Christ, we take it into our mouth, we actually receive the body of Christ." Zwingli said, No, that means this represents the body of Christ when Jesus said, This is my body. He means this represents it." So they agreed on 14 sections and the greater part of the 15th.

But Luther said, We cannot work together. You do not have our spirit." When the Duke who was the ruler of Marburgh and who had gotten them together for this meeting asked them to sign this statement, they signed everything except this third of the last section, which they could not. Then the Margrave said, "Won't you shake hands and give the right hand of fellowship?" Luther said, No, you do not have our spirit..

Two years later the canton from the south came up with their armies to the north. They said, We don't want these wandering preachers coming into our town and preachings, and stirring up strife. We want to stand for the traditions we have stood on, and we want it completely ended so far as bringing these teachings to our area is concerned. So they attacked Zurich and the northern cities and the army from the north went out to meet them and Zwingli went along as chaplain. In the battle the people from the mountains seemed to be prevailing. A stone hit Zwingli their chaplain, and the blood trickled down from the wound. A spear hit him; gave him not a serious wound. He sat at the foot of a tree there. The battle was over. The southerners seemed to have won. Now the stragglers went about through the ~~XXXX~~ field. Two of them saw Zwingli there. They asked him to confess to a priest.