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GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Jesus' heavenly clothes (v2) are also those of a "dead man walking"; how is the common white baptismal gown/robe also the clothes of a dead person walking? *See John 11:25-26; Romans 6:1-10, 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Galatians 3:27*
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NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. How can you help a friend or neighbor see beyond their initial thoughts & feelings about a "mountain top experience" to find a faithful, orthodox & biblical meaning for it? (The Holy Spirit is not the same thing as our thoughts & feelings.) How does the Small Catechism equip you to help others root their experiences in the normative faith (*cf. Jude 1:3*)? SC available bookofconcord.org
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