

## Somnambulate Somnam-bu-late





## Somnus: Latin for sleep

## Ambulate: to walk about

# Sleepwalking:

the act or state of walking, eating, or performing other motor acts while asleep, of which one is unaware upon awakening

# "Stepping with God"

Just to be clear God does not expect us to be walking around in our underwear

Stepping with God takes hearing from God

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### Colossians 3 Vs 1a Since, then, you have been raised with Christ...

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation...

### Vs 1b

...set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

### Vs 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Stepping with God takes a disrobing

#### Vs 5

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality (porneia), impurity, (perversion) lust, (unhealthy passions) evil desires (*immoral craving*) and greed, (coveting) which is idolatry.

Vs 6-7 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger (*smoldering*) ember), rage (burst into flames), malice (ill-will), slander, (hurtful speaking) and filthy language (*worthless and disgusting conversation*) from your lips.

#### Vs 9-10

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Vs 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## Verse 12 Dressed to Step

Stepping with God takes special attire

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

#### Chosen to:

- receive Spirit power
- stand in victory
- be handed a shield of victory
- carry the Sword of the Spirit
- $\triangleright$  be a wearer of the armor of God
- go from strength to strength
- $\triangleright$  carry the treasure

#### Chosen to:

- have great authority
- $\triangleright$  have access to the Presence of God
- ➢ touch heaven
- bring heaven to earth
- be the private property of God
- ➢ be a proclaimer of God Himself
- know that light defeats darkness
- $\triangleright$  be dressed for the occasion

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Holy – set apart The garments are made to fit your body style

Dearly loved The garments are hand made by the One who loves you dearly

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# Compassion tender sympathy of heartfelt concern

#### Bowels of mercies (KJV)

At times I think we are more driven by the thought of holding people's feet to the fire, rather than we are by the truth that we can warm them with the fire

#### Kindness: a compassionate act

# Courteous, polite, and considerate action

#### Humility: proper understanding of who you are

- There is a God you are not Him
- The sun does rise but not on your call
- ✓There are Children of God and you are one of them
- There are those who walk in power and you are one of them

Gentleness: a mildness and kindness, and power wrapped in this perfect mix

#### Patience: a steady response in the face of irritation

#### Vs 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

#### And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- 1. Compassion
- 2. Kindness
- 3. Humility
- 4. Gentleness
- 5. Patience
- 6. Forgiveness
- 7. Love
- 8. Peace
- 9. The Word
- 10. The Name
- 11. Thanksgiving

# This is the attire for stepping with God

Vs 18-19 (marriage) Wives and Husbands

Vs 20-21 (family) Children, Parents, Fathers

Vs 22 (work/service) Slaves, Masters Vs 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...