INTRO: Without controversy, all would agree that we are to be like Christ. This is the definition of the term Christian. He is our example in all things. In this lesson let us look at our Savior and His beauty so we can learn how we are to live.

I. OUR LORD’S NATURE.
   A. Meekness.
      1. What is meekness?
         a. It is not weakness.
         b. It is the result of inner strength that has been brought under control.
            (1) It is expressed outwardly by one’s compassion and gentleness.
            (2) But, meekness is a condition of the mind and heart.
      2. Christ’s meekness.
         a. Mat. 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
         b. Mat. 21:5 “Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”
         c. 2 Cor. 10:1 “Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you.”
         d. Illustrations
            (1) Mat. 26:53 “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”
            (2) Mat. 27:41-43 “Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. 43He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.”
   B. Humility.
      1. Our Lord was humble.
         a. Zec. 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”
         b. Phi. 2:8 “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”
      2. His humility is demonstrated in submissiveness.
         a. Jam. 4:6-7 “But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
         b. 1 Pet. 5:5-6 “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”
      3. Christ submitted Himself to the Father’s will.
         a. Heb. 5:8 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;”
         b. Luke 22:42 “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”
         c. John 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”
         d. John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”
C. Love.

1. Our Lord’s love for man.
   a. John 13:34 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”
   b. Rev. 1:5 “And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood;”

2. True love (agape) is a giving (serving) love.

3. Christ love is seen in His giving Himself for us.
   a. John 10:11, 15, 17-18 “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep....

III. DEMONSTRATION OF THAT NATURE.

A. Compassion and kindness.

1. Healing the sick.
   a. Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”
   b. Mat. 14:14 “And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.”
   c. Mat. 20:34 “So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.”
   d. Mark. 1:40-41 “And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.”

2. Comforting the bereaved.
   a. Luke 7:12-15 “Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. 13And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. 14And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.”
   b. At the death of Lazarus, John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”

3. Teaching the truth.
   a. Mat. 9:36 “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”
   b. Mark 6:34 “And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.”

4. Desire to save.
   a. Mat. 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!”
   b. Luke 22:31-32 “And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”
c. John 10:11, 15, 17-18 “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep... 15As the Father knoweth me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.... 17Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

B. Serving.
1. Mat. 20:28 “Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”
2. Phi. 2:7 “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”
3. John 13

C. Severity.
1. While Christ was kind, compassionate, and loving yet He was severe when the occasion called for it.
2. Mat. 15:8-14 “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 8But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. 9And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 10Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. 11Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? 12But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 13Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”
3. John 6: (notice Vs. 26, 60-61, 66) “Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.... 66Many therefore of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”
4. Mat. 23

III. WE ARE TO LET CHRIST BEAUTY BE SEEN IN US.
A. Meekness.
1. Mat. 5:5 “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”
2. Gal. 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”
3. Eph. 4:1-2 “I Therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;”
4. Col. 3:12 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”
5. We must bring our strength under control (practice self-control, temperance).

B. Humility.
1. Jam. 4:6-7 “But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
2. 1 Pet. 5:5-6 “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:”
3. If we are humble we will submit ourselves to God.
C. Love.
   1. John 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ἵνα γνωτίσητε ὅτι διάκονοι ἐστε ἐμοί, ἐὰν ἁγαπᾶτε ἀλλήλους.”
   2. John 15:12, 17 “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.... ἵνα γνωτίσητε ὅτι διάκονοι ἐστε ἐμοί.”
   3. 1 John 4:19-20 “We love him, because he first loved us. ἐὰν ἄλλος ἐμαυτῷ ἀγαπῇ, ἀλλοι καὶ τὸν Θεόν ἀγαπῶσιν.”

D. Demonstrated in the same ways.
   1. Compassion, Kindness.
      a. 1 Pet. 3:8 “Finally, ἐν όλῳ τῷ καρδιῶσθε τὸν ἀλλ’ ἀλλήλοις; ἀγαπᾶτε ἀλλήλοις, πιπατεῖτε, ἂν καί οἰκεῖθαι.”
      b. 1 John 3:17 “But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”
   2. Serving.
      a. Others
         (1) He had washed their feet. John 13:15 “For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”
         (2) Gal. 5:13 “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only ἄσω τὸ δοξολογίον ἐποίησατε ἐν γενεσις, ἀλλὰ ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἐργάζεσθε ἀλλήλοις.”
      b. God
         (1) 1 John 5:3 “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”
         (2) Rom. 12:1-2 “I beseech therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ἵνα γνωτίσητε τὸ ἄρχοντα ἐν καρδιᾷ ὑμῶν, ὅτι τοῦ ἀποκεφαλίσθη εἰς ἀγάπην.”
      a. That will cause us to withdraw from those God commands us to.
      b. Seen in teaching rebellious people.
         (1) Jude 22-23 “And of some have compassion, making a difference: ἵνα γνωτίσητε τὴν ὑπογείωσιν τῶν ψυχῶν.”
         (2) Letting the lost know the condition of their souls.

Conclusion: Have you learned these traits in your life? Have you applied them to the life you now live? If not, then take a look at the beauty of Jesus and let that beauty be seen in your life.