The 12 Marks of the Children of God

1.) v1a, v2a (We are called—and are—"Beloved", loved by God.) / (This is our privilege.)

2). v1b, v13 (We are unlike the world; the world does not "get us".) / (This is our challenge.)

3). v2b (We have the hope of seeing Jesus and being like Him.) / (This is our hope.)

4). v3 (We strive for purity.) / (This is our aim and intention.)

5). vv4-6 (We do not "practice" sin—as a lifestyle.) / (This is our standard of life.)

6). v7, v9 (see 2:29) (We do "practice" righteousness—as a lifestyle.) / (This is our practice in life.)

7). v8, v10a (We do not do the works of the devil.) / (This evidences our loyalty.)

8). v10b, v11, v14 (We do love one another) / (This is our priority.)

9). v12, v15 (We do not hate [envy] one another.) / (This is our attitude.)

10). vv16-18 (We sacrificially care for—love and serve one another). / (This is our practice and affection.)

11). v19-22 (See 2:28) (We have assurance—not in ourselves but in God's Word.) / (This is our confidence.)

12). vv23-24 (We keep His commandments to "abide" with God; not to earn or merit this relationship with God but to "enjoy" what He sovereignly and graciously gives to His children.) / (This is our joyful duty.)