

The Hallmark of the Church

"hallmark" - a mark stamped on articles of gold, silver, platinum by British assay offices *certifying their standard of purity*; a distinctive feature; origin- early 1700's, "Goldsmith's Hall" in London (Oxford Dictionary)

1. The hallmark of the Church is _____
 - a. Jesus (John 13:34-35): "by this all men will know that you are My _____, if you _____."
 - b. Jesus (John 15:8-17): "I chose you and appointed you that you would go and _____.....this I command you, that you _____."
2. Love is _____
 - a. It is THE _____ of the _____ (Gal 5:22)
 - b. It is better than all other _____ (1 Cor 12-14, 14:1)
 - c. Love is.... (1 Cor 13, Gal 5:22-25)
3. Love is _____
 - a. Jesus (John 15:13): "Greater love has no one than this, that one _____ his life"
 - b. John (1 John 3:16-18): "...let us not love with word or with tongue, but in _____ and _____." (also 1 John 2:9-11, 4:7-12)

7. Love is _____
 - a. Jesus (John 15:10): "If you _____ My commandments, you will abide in My love"
 - b. Comes only by _____ HIM (John 15:9-15)
 - c. Holy Spirit (via Paul, 1 Cor 13): "Love... does not _____ in _____ with the _____."
 - d. John (1 John 5:2-3): "For this is the love of God, that we _____ His _____"
 8. WHO should we love? _____ / _____
 9. What should we NOT love?
 - a. _____ of the _____ (1 John 2:15-17)
 - b. _____ (root of all evils)
 - c. _____ / _____ (1 John 4:18)
- APPLICATION: How? Impossible!
- "Effort of _____" / NOT loving the _____ (What do you love? _____)
 - _____ HIM: Prayer / _____
 - **Hallmark:** *Palatable*- are you "loving"? / *Practical*- do you lay down your life for others? / *Pure truth*- Do you love and do what is *right* (according to God)?