

9. **The Point** There can be no viable birth unless prenatal requirements are met. Embryonic defects result in mortality (ie: cessation of life). (a) Viability ends when something necessary to development is missing. (b) One must observe all of God’s requirements (Jas 2:10; Deut 31:12). Jesus said: (Jn 14:15) “*If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments.*” He meant to keep a-l-l of them. (c) A person who only meets part of God’s requirements cannot become a NT Christian.
10. **STEP #1 – God Requires Us To Be Receptive** (Rom 10:17) “*So then _____ cometh by _____, and hearing by the _____ of _____.*” This means reception is essential. We recommend that you carefully study TPBS Lesson [#30](#) – Hear the Gospel.
11. **STEP #2 – God Requires Faith** (Heb 11:6) “*But without _____ it is _____ to please him.*” Faith is essential. Refer back to Q#4 & #5. (Rom 10:10) “*For with the _____ man _____ unto righteousness.*” God’s Word resides in the heart of man by faith.
12. **STEP #3 – God Requires Repentance** (Lk 13:5) “*I tell you, Nay: but _____ ye _____, ye shall all likewise _____.*” Why? (a) Conversion = Change. (b) Repentance is changing one’s attitude. (c) One cannot be converted unless he becomes penitent. (d) If he is unconverted, he is still a sinner and hasn’t been born into God’s spiritual family.
13. **STEP #4 – God Requires Confession** Peter told the eunuch (Acts 8:37) that he had to believe before his baptism request could be honored. The eunuch confessed (same verse): “*I believe that _____ is the _____ of _____.*” Jesus made it plain (Mt 10:33) that “*whosoever shall _____ before men, him will I also deny _____ my _____ which is in heaven.*”
14. **The PARTURITION** This is the action of giving birth, when a separate entity arrives, independent in environment, identity and being from all others. Jesus (Jn 16:21) spoke of how a mother “*as soon as she is _____ of the _____, she remembereth no more the _____.*”
15. **THE BIRTH** Birthing requires a *coming forth*. (a) Physical babies are not born until they come forth from their mother’s wombs. (b) Spiritual babes are not born until they are (Rom 6:4) “*buried with him by _____*” and “*_____ up*” to “*walk in _____ of life.*” (c) Jesus said, “*Except a man be _____, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” Scripture? _____
16. **A Viable Birth** Each of the 4 STEPS (Q#10-13) are necessary requirements for one to be born spiritually. Leave one out and “being born” is absolutely impossible. If one has done STEP #1, but not STEPS #2, #3 & #4, is he ready to be born? ____ If he has done STEPS #1 & #4, but not STEPS #2 & #3, is he ready to be born? ____ If he has done them all, but left any one them out, is he ready to be born? ____ If he never completes these STEPS can he ever expect to be born in a viable condition? ____ Can one ever be saved without being born? ____
17. **Jesus: On Spiritual Birth** (Jn 3:5) “*Except a man be _____ of _____ and of the _____, he _____ into the kingdom of God.*” Can one be saved outside the kingdom of God? ____ Jesus said: (Mk 16:16) “*He that believeth _____ baptized shall be saved.*” Do you misunderstand what Jesus said here? ____ He then adds, “*but he that _____ shall be _____.*” Why did he add this? Answer: That person left out one of the STEPS.
18. **Baptism = The New Birth** This is made plain from Q#17. We recommend you carefully study TPBS Lessons [#20 & #21](#) and especially [#52 – #54](#) entitled Baptism. Anyone that believes or teaches that one is saved before he is spiritually born is in grave error. Saul of Tarsus was instructed: (Acts 22:16) “*Arise, and _____, and _____, calling on the name of the Lord.*” Sins damn the soul! Saul was very religious and thought he was right with God – but he was still an alien sinner. Was Saul baptized (Acts 9:18)? ____
19. **Once Born, A Child Of God Must Live Godly** (1 Pet 2:2) “*As _____ babes, desire the sincere _____ of the _____, that ye may _____ thereby.*” If we truly have the desire you and I can have eternal life! Salvation is designed for flawed humanity but we must sincerely desire it.