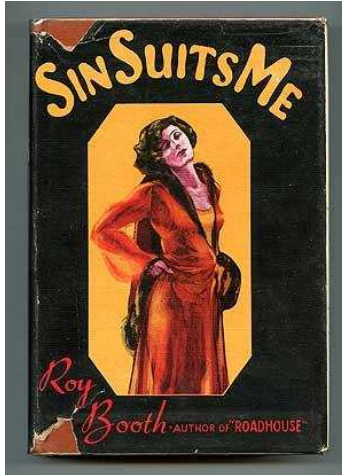


Feeling comfortable in **Sin**?  
*Your salvation could be in jeopardy.*



## Questions about **Salvation**

*For our last lesson of this series, I want to address questions about the most important topic—salvation. **Salvation** is the ultimate reason that we, as Christians, are striving to live a life that is pleasing to God. We all want to be saved. I have yet to meet a person who would prefer eternal condemnation over a place in Heaven!!! Join us as we look at a few of the most common questions regarding **salvation**...*

## Bible Question:

*What must I do to be saved and when will I know I am ready?*

- In God's Word, we can clearly identify five steps that lead to salvation. Many bible scholars refer to these steps as the *Plan of Salvation...*
  - **Step 1: Hear the Word of God**
    - Romans 10: 17
  - **Step 2: Believe His Word and in Him**
    - Hebrews 11: 6
  - **Step 3: Repent of Sin**
    - Luke 13: 3
  - **Step 4: Confess with your mouth that you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God**
    - Romans 10: 9
  - **Step 5: Be Baptized in water for the forgiveness of sin**
    - Mark 16: 16

Jesus gives us an example when He, Himself, is baptized...

Matthew 3: 13-17



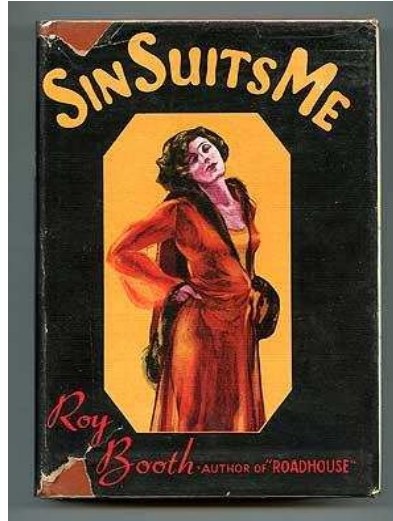
*You will know you are ready to be saved when you have **heard the Word**, you believe the Word of God and at that Jesus Christ is the Son of God...and when you are ready to turn away from the sin in your life and follow Christ and His teachings.*

#### **Bible Question:**

*Once I am saved, will I always be saved (regardless of how I live my life)?*

- I will point to a very important scripture that addresses this often debated question... [Hebrews 10: 26](#) seems to be saying that **after we receive the truth** that if we, **without a conscience, revert back** to our old ways and **stay comfortably in sin** that we can expect that we will not be saved and that we will endure the wrath of God.

*Feeling comfortable in sin with no desire to stop? Then it is probably **deliberate...***



Bible Question: If and when I fall into sin after being saved, what should I do to get back in good standing with God?

- We serve a God who recognizes that we are prone to sin. Sometimes, even when we try our very best, our weaknesses overcome us. God has given us instruction in His Word as to how we can retain our good standing with Him, after sin. **We must confess that we have sinned and once again, repent (turn away) from our sinful behavior.**
  - I John 1: 8-9
  - James 5: 16
  - John 8: 3-11
  - John 5: 14

## Repentance...

Genuinely feeling sorry for how you're living and earnestly seeking to make a change.



### Bible Question: Does my choice of religion matter when it comes to salvation?

- Through God's Word, it is apparent that He did not want there to be division among His followers.
  - I Corinthians 1: 10-15
  - Ephesians 4: 1-6
- We are all responsible for *working out our soul's salvation*. Make sure that the practices of the church you belong to coincide with the instructions the Bible gives to churches. In order to know God's instructions, you must thoroughly study your Bible. If you see something in your church that doesn't mesh with God's Word, then you are in the wrong place...
  - Phil 2: 12-13
- Of course, in the day of judgment, we will definitely know how choice of religion impacts salvation. *While we are here on Earth serving Him, we must do our best to make sure that we work to find a place of worship that He would approve of.* Again, God's Word should be our guide. A good place to begin would be the books of I Corinthians and I Timothy.