

# 'Too Saved,' A Sermon on Film

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"Too Saved" is a film made by Howard University graduate, Shuaib Mitchell. A quality film shot within a two-day period, "Too Saved" was filmed here in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mitchell is a man on a mission for God.

Shown as a special premiere at the AFI Silver Theater in Silver Spring, Md. in conjunction with the Progressive National Baptist Convention's annual session, "Too Saved" is a story from the eyes of a preacher's daughter, Lisa, portrayed by Lolita Clayton. Clayton is a Christian role model, praying for her heathen boyfriend Bobby, portrayed by James "JJ." Johnson. Lisa needs Bobby to get saved before she marries him.

She has been a member of the First Family since she was two-years-old. Her father, now deceased, was pastor for 33 years. Ownership in the church is putting it mildly. Everyone loves her!

The filmmaker captures this sermon on film in a serious and unique way. He uses decency with no cursing, nudity, sex, or violence. He gets his point across, only as a preacher or pastor could on Sunday morning.

Lisa is ready to marry, but she desires a saved, Christian man. When she gets what she prayed for, she finds out that it's much more than she ever bargained for. Bobby's conversion forces her to examine her relationships with him, her late father, and God.

Mitchell captures the notion that too many "wanna be Christians" are straddling the fence. The scripture tells us that Christ wants all or none. Remember the scripture that tells us that we can't be lukewarm. We've

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got to be either hot or cold, for Christ will spew us out if we're lukewarm.

"Too Saved" reminds us that we have given ourselves permission to freely go about our day-to-day living, wreaking havoc and having sex out of wedlock. It reminds us that we rate sins like murder, bank robbery and fornication as the only sins that count.

Folks just shack up nowadays before marriage to test the waters first. They need to know if they're sexually compatible. They buy lottery tickets every week, trying to strike it rich so they can quit working some day. This movie sets the record straight: sin is sin. It all counts!!!

This is a real story of how sinners can be converted for life. Salvation doesn't sneak up on you one day without you realizing what has happened. Right away, you know that you've been delivered from a life of sin.

Yes, you will continue to make some carnal mistakes, but it's your conscience that will make the difference and the effort you place on studying the Word to show yourself approved. The scripture tells us that faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of the Lord.

Therefore, new converts can change immediately, but they must grow, learn about God's Word of truth, remain vigilant and keep coming back for more of His Word.

Though Christ can save us immediately, as illustrated by Bobby in this film, the people closest to the new converts will judge and play the "let's wait and see" game, as Lisa did.

Who are we to judge anyway? The scripture tells us "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matthew 7:1-2)

Lisa was embarrassed when Bobby talked about the Lord to his friends and everywhere he went.

The scripture that comes to mind here is, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

This is a first class film. I suggest every church purchase a copy of the DVD and show it to your Singles, Marriage and Youth ministries. It is truly "a sermon on film." Visit the Web site at [www.nubiafilmworks.com](http://www.nubiafilmworks.com) to purchase your copy.