

**ABSTRACT**

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The religious deed does not always refer to a religion because someone who, in the beginning, deviates from his religion can be more religious than the one who is explicitly faithful to the rituals and the rules of his religion. The result of an earnest religious deed can be very amazing. It can change someone into a different personality. Even the worst man can turn into the best man. Seeing and learning all the ways someone has been through to that highest position is absolutely interesting. There are unlimited precious lessons that can be taken as a base to run a good life.

The study of Hawthorne's novel is meant to dig deeper the effect of religious deed which results from the consciousness of sin. It is done by analyzing **The Scarlet Letter**, a romance. The writer's background greatly influences the purpose he wrote the novel. As a result of the study is that what people see low does not remain low and vice versa.