



## Handbooks for Bible Classes (Classic Reprint)

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By James Stuart Candlish

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Handbooks for Bible Classes Use of Outward Rites in Religion. - Every form of religion among men has had, besides its beliefs and devotions, some outward rites and ceremonies, in which these beliefs are expressed, and by which the devotional feelings are sought to be promoted. This doubtless arises from the constitution of human nature, as consisting of a body, by which we are connected with the material world, as well as a soul, by which we have communion with the spiritual and unseen. The nature and function of such external rites have varied very much in different forms of religion. Sometimes the ceremonial has been allowed to grow and multiply, till it has quite overshadowed the spiritual, its meaning has been forgotten, and it is observed for its own sake and not as subordinate to something higher. Thus religion has degenerated into a mere mass of useless and unmeaning ceremonies; and these, ceasing to be significant, have been invested by superstition with a magical efficacy; so that, instead of lifting the soul to higher...



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