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**The Spiritual and the Ceremonial in Christian Life.**



THE Spiritual and the Ceremonial in Christian Life are no doubt intimately connected with each other and in certain aspects appear to be identical, as the letter and the spirit do, yet in both we find points of distinction. The symbol cannot be identical with the thing symbolized. The spiritual is the highest. Ceremonies are things cognizable by the senses and represent the moral or spiritual. The ceremony is the outward form and expresses a fact of higher and more important nature.

Christianity is based upon knowledge. Independent of truth it cannot exist. All revealed or moral truth is important and intimately connected with the existence and growth of christianity, yet it exists without the apprehension or comprehension of all moral truth. Nay, it undoubtedly exists where error abounds. In christianity many things are important that are not absolutely essential, few things we deem are positively essential. If a correct understanding of every truth connected with it is necessary to its existence, who will answer the question: where is christianity to be found? Christianity is more