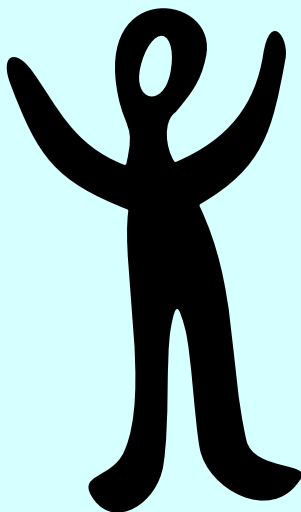


# EVANGELICAL WORSHIP is SPIRITUAL WORSHIP.

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*

John 4:23-24.



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