

A person with their back to the camera, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and jeans, stands in a field of golden wheat. Their arms are raised high in the air, palms facing up. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall mood is one of joy, freedom, and praise.

**Sanctification:
Working Out What
God Works In**

**Philippians
2:12-13**



“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

(Hebrews 12:14)

“Not only is holiness the goal of your redemption, it is necessary for your redemption. Now before you sound the legalist alarm, tie me up by my own moral bootstraps, and feed my carcass to the Galatians, we should see what Scripture has to say. . . .

. . . It's the consistent and frequent teaching of the Bible that those whose lives are marked by habitual ungodliness will not go to heaven. To find acquittal from God on the last day there must be evidence flowing out of us that grace has flowed into us."—Kevin DeYoung




1. The Believer's Role in Sanctification: Work Out Your Salvation.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

(Ephesians 2:8–10, NKJV)

a. Why? Work out your salvation because of what your Lord Jesus has done.



**b. How? Work out your
salvation in the loving
context of the church.**

**c. How? Work out your
salvation with fear and
trembling.**

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

(Proverbs 9:10)

“Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,” Says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.”

(Isaiah 66:1–2)



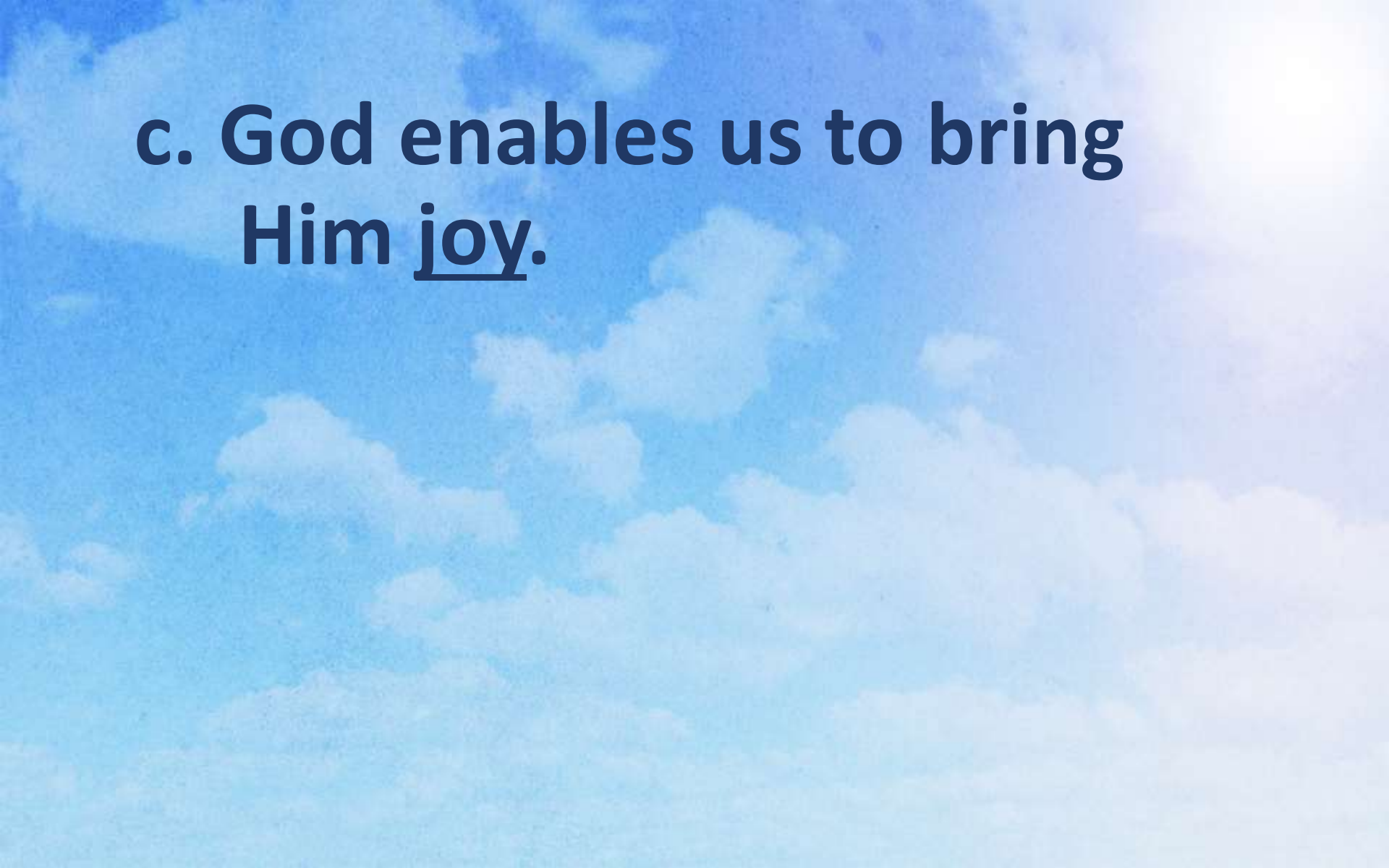
2. God's Role in Sanctification:

He Works in Us.

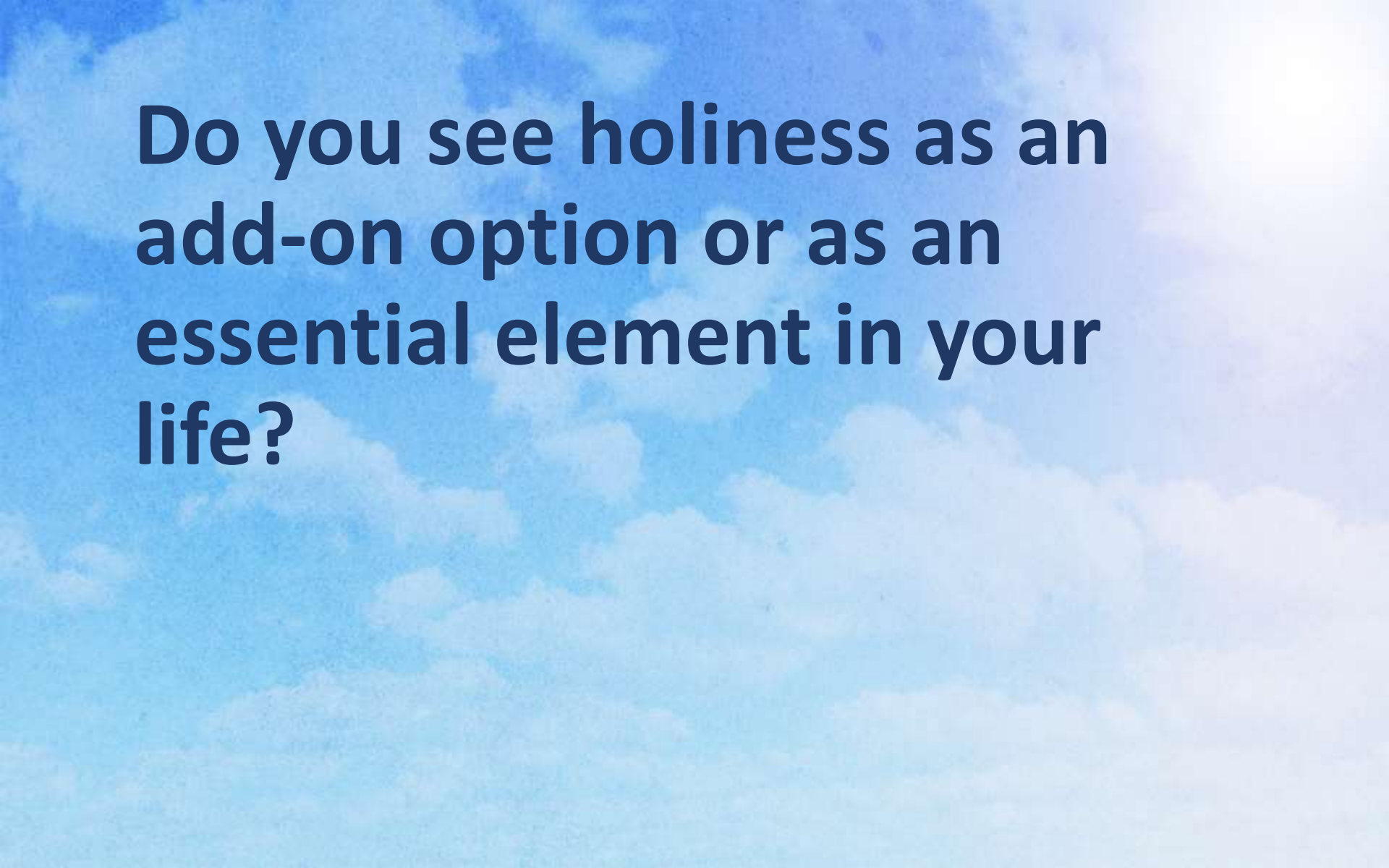
a. God gives us new desires.

**I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delights.
Things that are higher, things that
are nobler,
These have allured my sight.**

**b. God empowers new
behavior.**



**c. God enables us to bring
Him joy.**



**Do you see holiness as an
add-on option or as an
essential element in your
life?**