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- ▶ What is the “*seal*” of the Spirit?
- ▶ What does it do?
- ▶ What does the Bible say?

The Guarantee of our Inheritance

- ▶ What is the “guarantee”?
(earnest or pledge)
- ▶ What does it guarantee?
- ▶ What does the Bible say?



The Seal of the Spirit



- ▶ **Seal**: sphragis – 4973 Noun
- ▶ **Sealed**: sphragizo̅ 4972 Verb
 - the impression made by a signet, mark
 - that which confirms or authenticates, attestation, confirmation, certification,

The Impression and Authentication of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Seal – the impression or mark
 - ▶ (Ezek.9:4)
 - ▶ (2Tim.2:19-26)
 - ▶ (Rom.4:11)
- ▶ Authentication or attestation (i.e. ownership)
 - ▶ (Rom.4:11) “sign” – semeion: “a sign or distinguishing mark whereby something is known”

The Impression and Authentication of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The impression or “mark” of the Spirit
 - ▶ The Fruit of the Spirit ([Gal.5:22-23](#))
 - ▶ Renewal ([Titus 3:5](#))
 - ▶ Transformation ([Rom.12:2](#)) ([2Cor.3:18](#))
- ▶ The Authentication or attestation of the Spirit
 - ▶ Sons and heirs ([Rom.8:14-17](#)) ([1Jn.3:6-10](#))

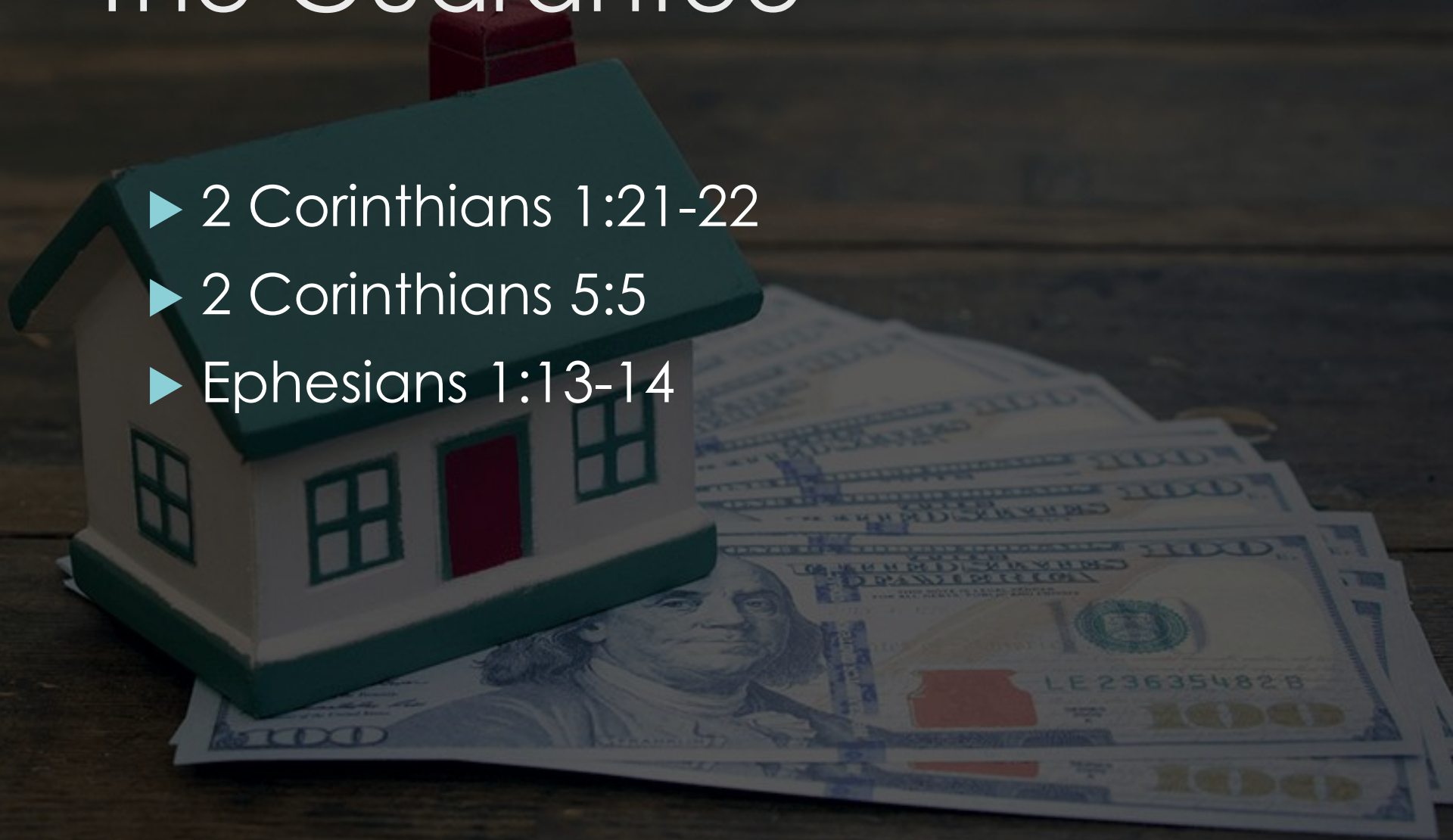
Our Spiritual Transformation

- ▶ The work of the Spirit
- ▶ The seal of sonship

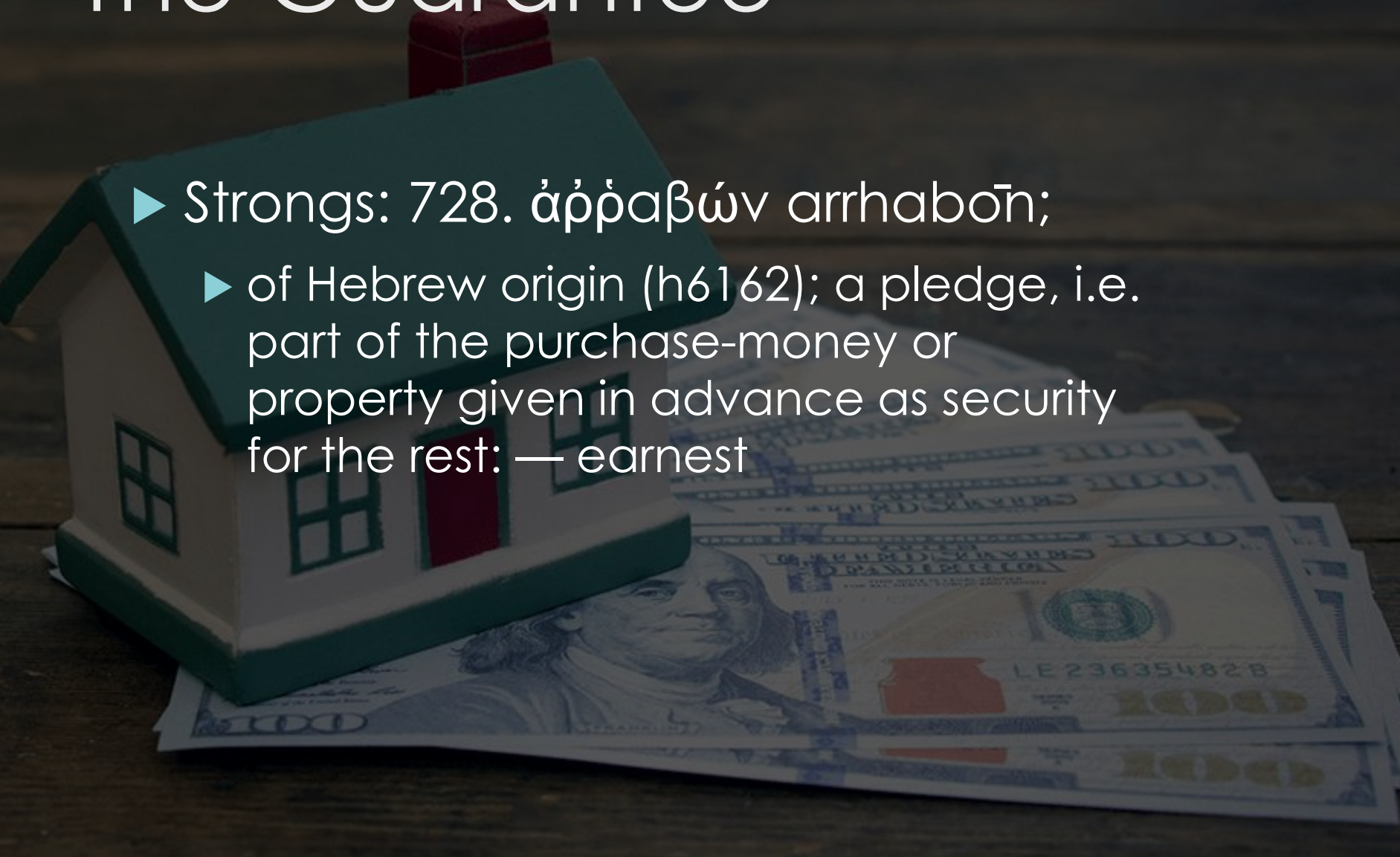


The Guarantee

- ▶ 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:5
- ▶ Ephesians 1:13-14



The Guarantee

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- ▶ Strong's: 728. ἀρραβών arrhabōn;
 - ▶ of Hebrew origin (h6162); a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest: — earnest

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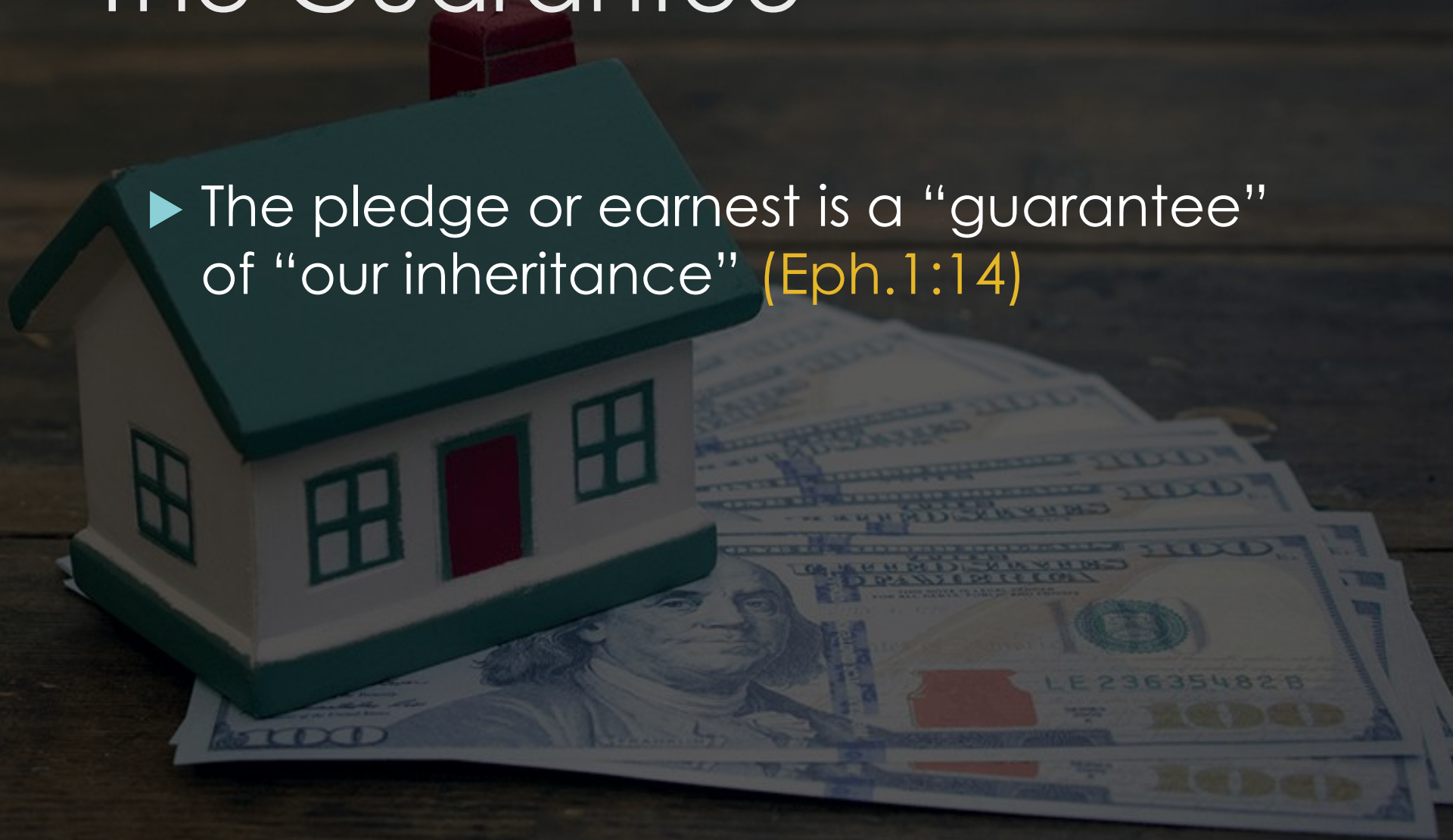


▶ BDAG:

- ▶ payment of part of a purchase price in advance, first installment, deposit, down payment, pledge

The Guarantee

- ▶ The pledge or earnest is a “guarantee” of “our inheritance” (Eph.1:14)



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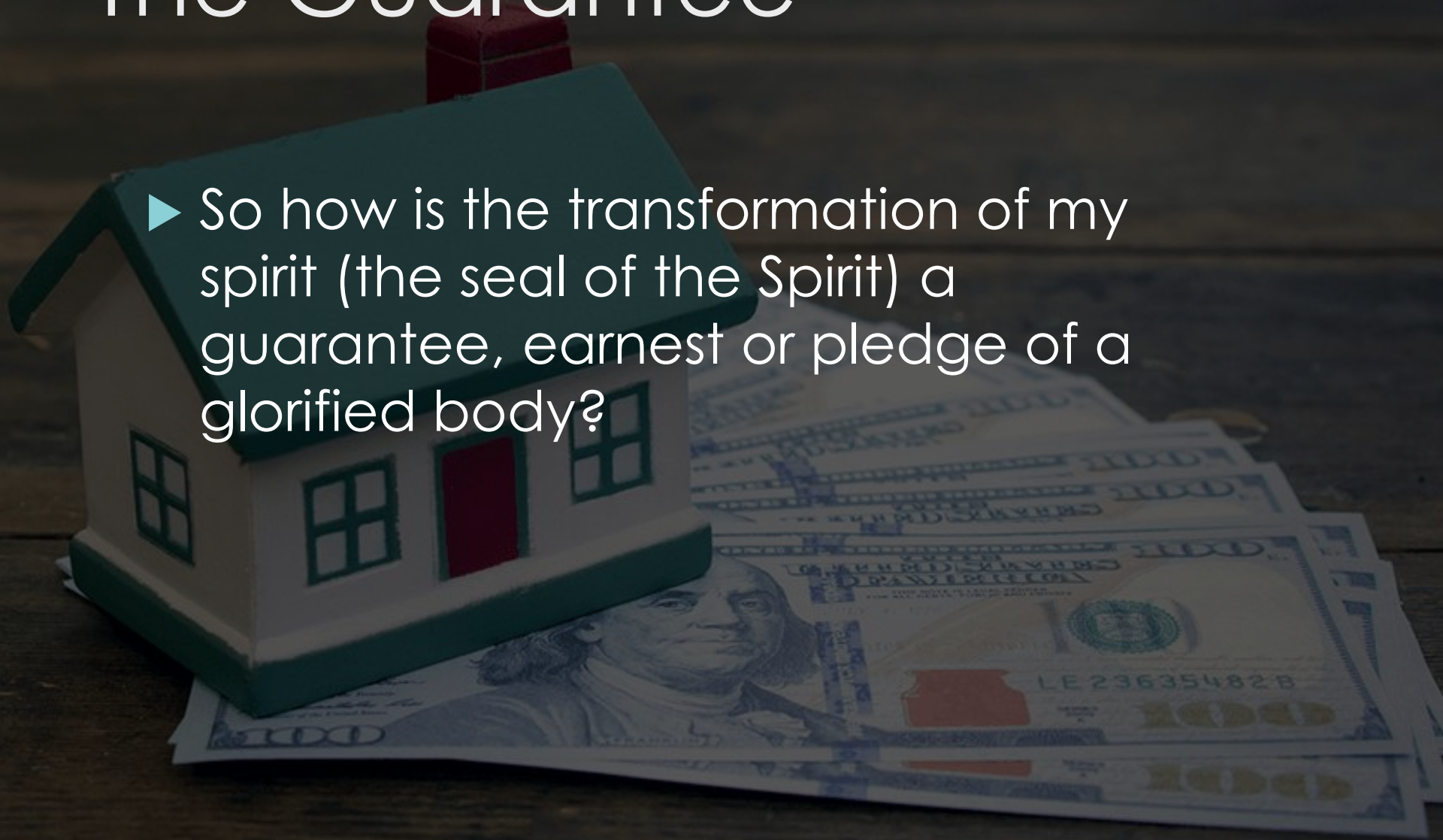
▶ Our inheritance is a metaphorical “mansion” (a glorified body) that will “house” our glorified spirit

(Jn.14:1-2)

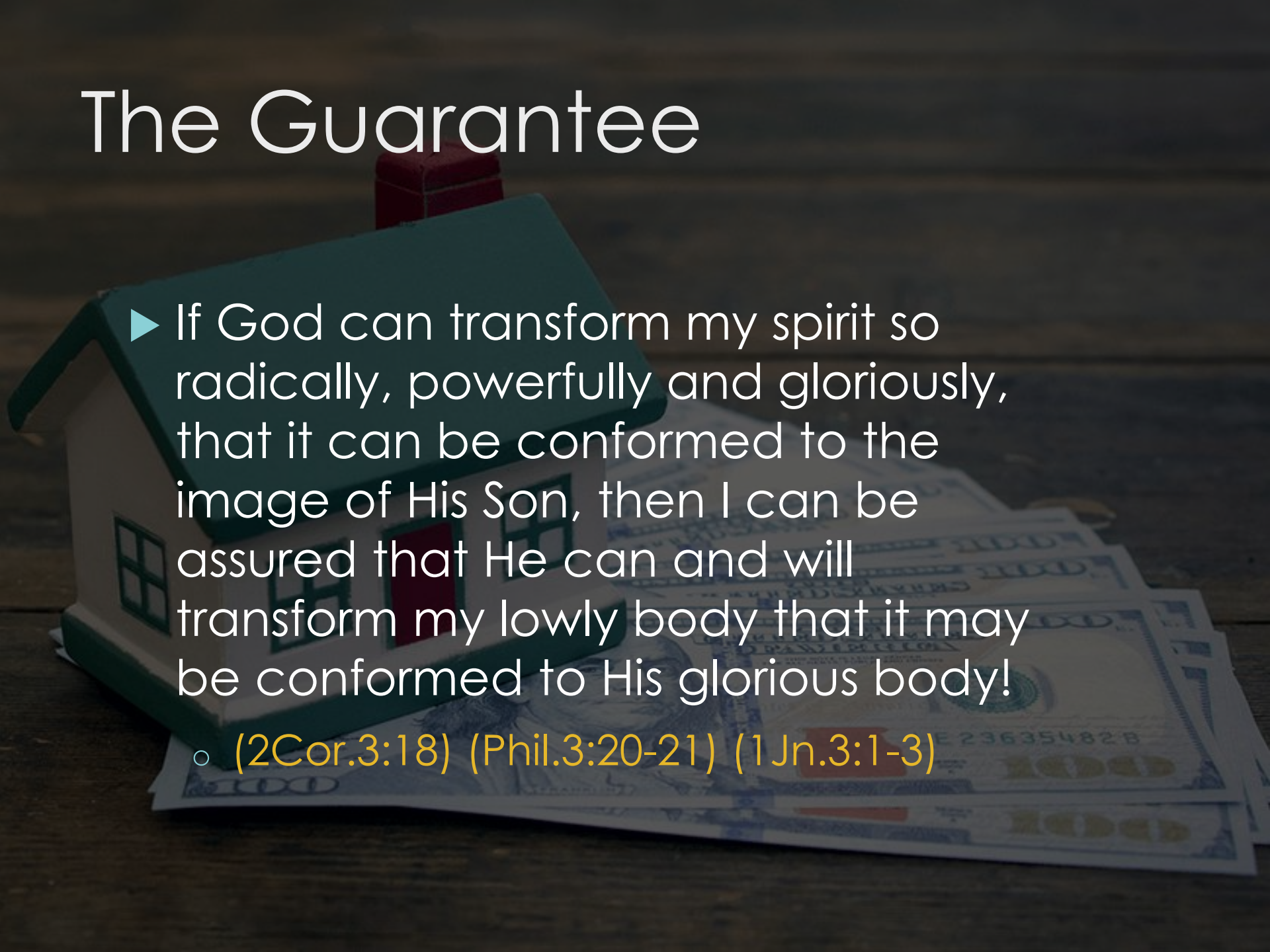
- (2Cor.4:16 – 5:6) (Heb.9:15) (1Pet.1:3-4)
- Resurrected glory (1Cor.15:47-58)
- Note the connection (2Cor.1:22; 3:18; 4:16-18; 5:1-8) esp. 5:5

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- ▶ So how is the transformation of my spirit (the seal of the Spirit) a guarantee, earnest or pledge of a glorified body?



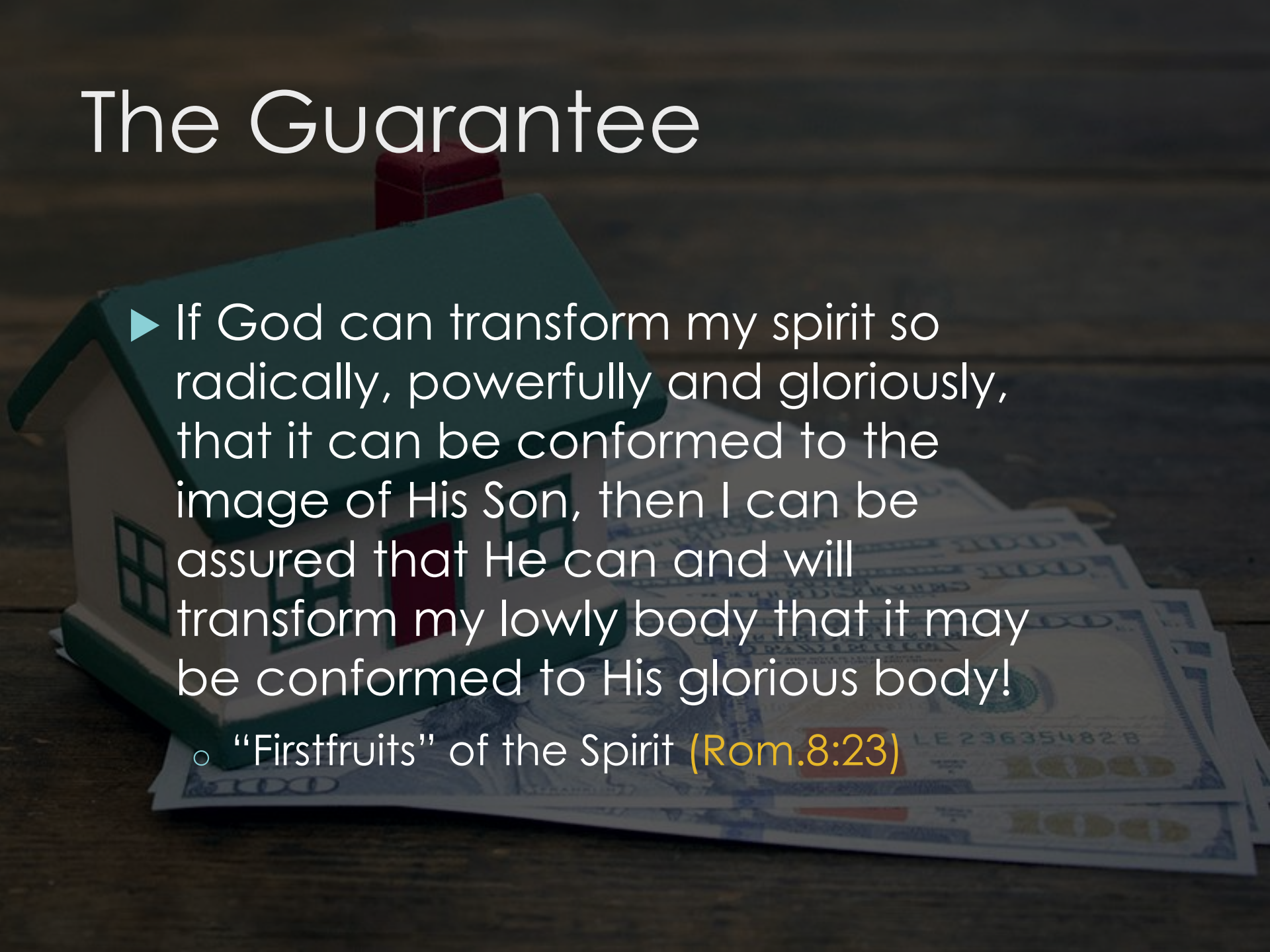
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- (2Cor.3:18) (Phil.3:20-21) (1Jn.3:1-3)

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 - “Firstfruits” of the Spirit (Rom.8:23)

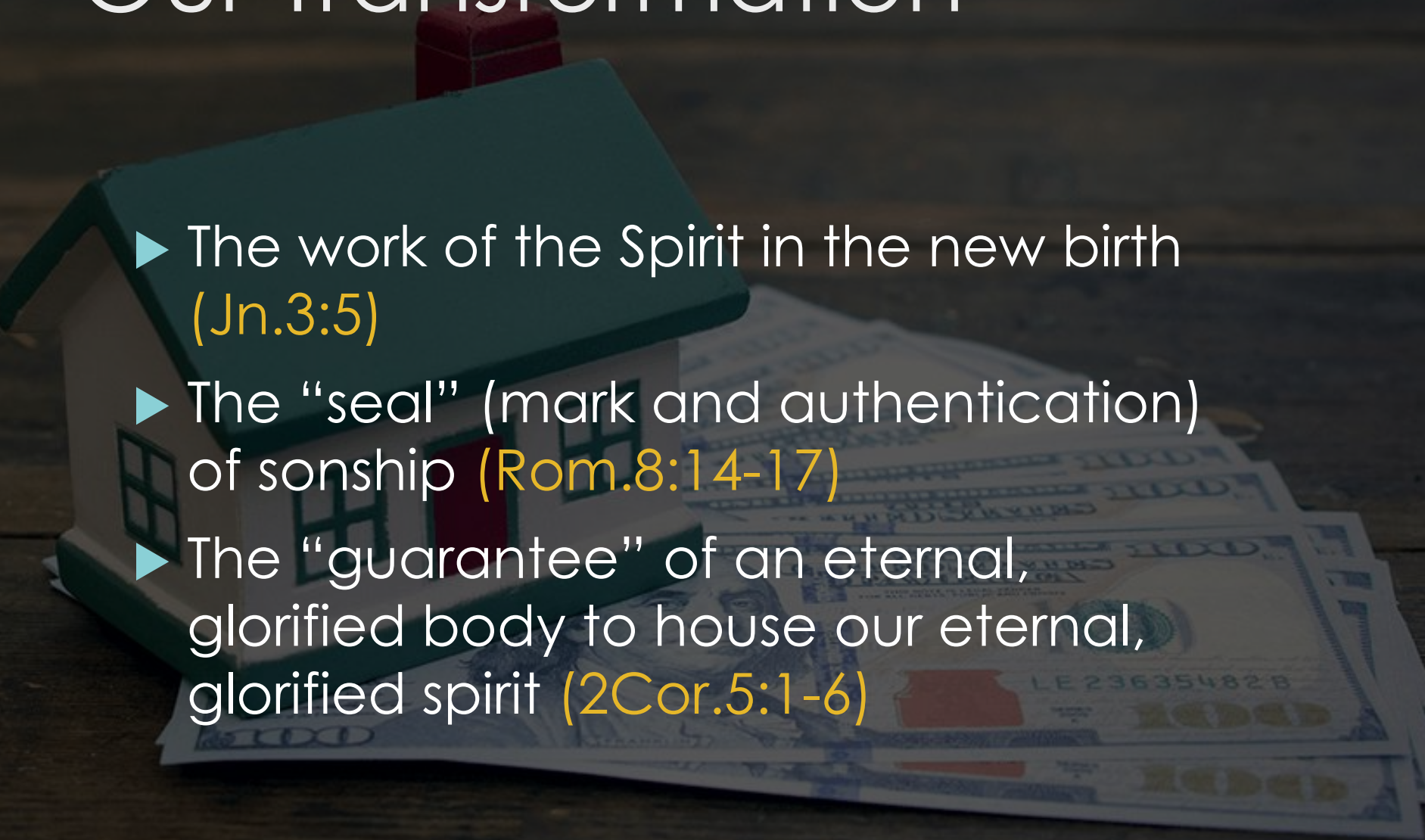
Earnest

- ▶ resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.
- ▶ a thing intended or regarded as a sign or promise of what is to come

Firstfruit

- ▶ The first harvest or first portion of a thing to come
- ▶ The first harvest indicated and assured the harvest to follow

Our Transformation

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- ▶ The work of the Spirit in the new birth (Jn.3:5)
 - ▶ The “seal” (mark and authentication) of sonship (Rom.8:14-17)
 - ▶ The “guarantee” of an eternal, glorified body to house our eternal, glorified spirit (2Cor.5:1-6)

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