I. Introduction.

   A. Eternal security is the work of God, which He guarantees that the work of salvation once received can never be lost.
   
   B. There are many reasons for believing in eternal security.

II. The personal promise of Jesus Christ. (John 10)

   A. This is a clear promise without conditions.
   
   B. Jesus knows His sheep. (Matthew 7:21)
   
   C. Eternal life is a quantity of life just as it is a quality of life.
   
   D. Jesus’ followers will never perish without exception.
   
   E. No one is able to take a person out of God’s hand. (Psalm 89:13)
       1. This is the hand of omnipotence and omniscience.
       2. Eternal security is the gift that can never be lost. If it could, what Jesus promised could not be delivered.
       3. If there is no eternal security, the power and promise of God cannot be trusted.

III. The continuing intercession of Christ on our behalf. (Hebrews 9:24, Romans 8:34, I John 2)

   A. Christ has every person in mind.
   
   B. God is infinite in His power. (John 17:11)
   
   C. Christ is able to save forever. (Hebrews 9:25)

IV. Our inseparable relationship with Christ. (Romans 8:31)

   A. God declares us righteous and not guilty because all sin was placed upon Christ. (I John 2)
   
   B. The basis of eternal security is what Christ did at Calvary.
   
   C. We cannot be condemned because the blood of Christ has declared us not guilty.
   
   D. God has never lost a true believer—if denying Christ was enough then even Peter would have lost his salvation.
   
   E. God’s grace is not offered based on performance.
Application questions:

1. What is eternal security?

2. Why is belief in eternal security important for the life of the believer?

3. How would you defend eternal security?