Eternal Security: You can be Secure Part 1 Charles Stanley

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?	