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When considering the issue of homosexuality and the homosexual agenda one is reminded of the sometimes overwhelming challenge of speaking the truth in love. While on the one hand we may be able to make clear moral distinctions related to the legitimacy of homosexual behavior, we must also keep in mind that we are addressing an issue that involves people—people made in the image of God—people upon whom we should have great compassion. Yes, homosexual behavior is a sin according to scripture; however it is not in some higher and therefore exclusive category above every other sin of which we have all been guilty. This is an important point to remember because Christ came to redeem *all* who have sinned.

Secondly we must separate the individual living the homosexual lifestyle from the political movement associated with the so-called homosexual agenda, as these aspects are not necessarily one and the same. Scripture clearly commands God's people to love the individual and resist the ideology represented by the political agenda that seeks to abolish God's truth in human relationships and the moral order.

Toward that end this booklet has been prepared to help you understand the truth regarding the many claims of those who advocate on behalf of the homosexual agenda and equip you to respond rationally, and challenge you to reach out to those trapped in the homosexual lifestyle.

In responding to the persons involved in the homosexual lifestyle, the claims of the homosexual agenda, and those who support the homosexual agenda, there are three specific aspects, which require our understanding in order to offer an effective apologetic or response. They are:

1. The myths and misconceptions of the so-called “gay” lifestyle.
2. The objective of the homosexual agenda and how it threatens social order and the Church.
3. How we as Christians should respond to the homosexual issue.

We need to understand the issues rationally and confront them with truth in a spirit of compassion in order to dispel the many myths surrounding homosexuality that have resulted from ideologically biased rhetoric—rhetoric that has no basis in fact and yet has succeeded in silencing any opposition.

Let us first begin by addressing the myths surrounding the origins of homosexual behavior. There has been considerable research conducted in this area specifically as it relates to the innate and immutable perspective, arguing that homosexual behavior is genetically predetermined. In other words: “homosexuals are born that way,” or more relevant to the Christian: “God made them that way.” This false assertion has proven foundational in the success of the homosexual agenda by convincing a majority of Americans that this is no