



Confronting the gay agenda

*Coming to a home, church,
office or school near you*

By Alan Chambers

You don't have to look far to see the influence of the gay agenda in mainstream society these days. It is everywhere — reality shows, sitcoms, politics, schools and even in churches. You may not have considered how this influence impacts your life, but as the cultural battle over this issue wages on — you will.

At home

The power of faulty thinking about homosexuality cannot be underestimated, and nowhere is it felt more profoundly than in the home. The culture's messages about homosexuality are spawning a greater number of young people who are confused about their sexuality, and it is enticing more men and women into a life that is ultimately destructive.

I know because I've been there. As an adolescent and young adult raised in a Christian home, I wrestled with same-sex attractions and believed the culture's "born-gay" message.

After I plunged into homosexuality and experienced the loneliness and pain it so often creates, God showed me His love is unconditional and He could provide a way out. That was 14 years ago. Today, I am happily married, the father of two beautiful children, and a walking example of God's redemption.

At church

Unfortunately, it is that very message of redemption that is on the verge of being silenced today. The so-called "hate crimes" bill, which has already passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is now pending in the Senate, will criminalize those who hold biblical beliefs on homosexuality. We only need to look at other countries that have passed similar legislation to see the results.

In Canada, Christians who share Bible verses on homosexual behavior now face criminal penalties. In Sweden, you can receive up to two years in prison for saying anything negative about homosexual behavior. What is ultimately at stake is the right to

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share the message of salvation — the good news that God can redeem anyone — regardless of the life they are living.

At the office

Imagine going to work and being told you create a “hostile work environment” for homosexuals simply because you believe what the Bible has to say about this issue.

That’s just what happened to three prison guards in Minnesota who were forced to attend diversity training. When they chose to sit in the back and read their Bibles during the training, they were singled out for chastisement, denied promotions and had their jobs threatened.

At school

The gay agenda will impact your children. Students who hold

biblical beliefs about homosexuality are becoming special targets in classrooms around the country.

In California, a high school devoted a week to “Days of Diversity.” Skits promoted homosexual and heterosexual sex and one derided the Bible by implication when a student actor who believed in a special “book” she reads on Sunday, said the book gave her permission to “hate.”

In Massachusetts, a third grade music class teacher told the children that 19th-century Russian composer Tchaikovsky was a homosexual and that society’s “homophobia” prompted his death.

Despite the culture’s increasing darkness, we are called to be salt and light to those who desperately need it. God is looking for warriors who will lovingly and boldly uphold His truth in the places He

has given us to influence.

One young man contacted Exodus International after seeing me on CNN’s *Anderson Cooper 360* and said, “I completely want out of this homosexual lifestyle because I KNOW that this is not from God. ... I write this with tears rolling down my cheeks because I see written in front of me the person I have become. Please help me!”

This man, and other hurting individuals like him, is the reason we must become the driving force that turns back the tide and proclaim the compassionate grace of God. **tpe**

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To know God and be ready for heaven, follow these steps:

A. Admit you are a sinner.

“There is no one righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:10,23 (See Romans 5:8; 6:23.)

Ask God’s forgiveness and repent of your sins.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13 (See Acts 3:19.)

B. Believe in Jesus (put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (See John 14:6.)

Become a child of God by receiving Christ.

“To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 (See Revelation 3:20.)

C. Confess that Jesus is your Lord.

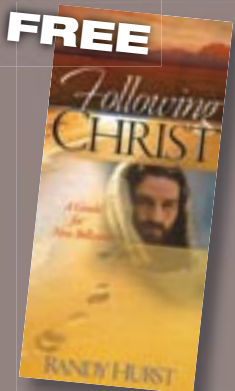
“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (See verse 10.)

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