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Homosexuals Must Come to Christ

God's Word pronounces the fate of those who do not repent of their sins and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior:

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God has provided salvation for everyone including homosexuals. Each person must

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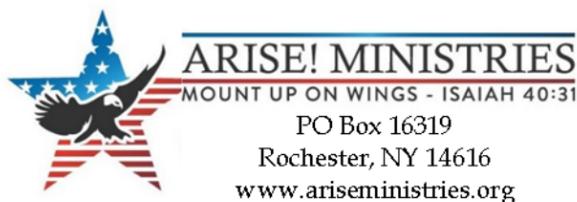
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