Sermon: ***"Hell: It's No Joking Matter"***
Text: Genesis 19:12-29

I Corinthians 10:11 "These things happened to them as examples and were written down **as warnings** ***for us."***

I. What is hell?

A. The experience of people in hell.

An experience of torment, **Luke 16**

An experience of relentless fatigue, **Revelation 14**

An experience of unending punishment, **II Thessalonians 1**

An experience of "darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 8**

An experience of being cast "into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 13**

An experience described as "the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched." **Isaiah 66** (quoted by Jesus in **Mark 9**)

Sodom and Gomorrah is a picture in time of what hell is like forever.

II Peter 2:6 "If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and ***made them an example*** of what is going to happen to the ungodly."

Jude 1:7 "In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They ***serve as an example*** of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire."

B. The execution of punishment in hell

Hell is the Bible word for the execution of God's judicial wrath.

"The wages of sin is death" **Romans 6:23**

"But the cowardly, ***the unbelieving,*** the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." **Revelation 21:8**

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."

Romans 2:5 "The day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed."

C. The everlasting duration of hell.

Jude 1:7 "…the punishment of eternal fire."

Revelation 14:11 "The smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever."

II. For which sins do sinners deserve to suffer the horror of hell?

Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord." **Genesis 13:13**

"'Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy." **Ezekiel 16:49**

Ephesians 5:5-6 "…because of such ***things*** God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient."

III. Hell is why Jesus is called *the Savior!*

Romans 5:9 "Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him!"