PREACHING ABOUT HELL

INTRODUCTION - approach the topic with seriousness, sincerity, love, and purpose.

(Ephesians 4:15) "but, speaking the truth in love ... "

Always offer a remedy for sin, a way of escape, and a message of hope.

(Romans 5:8) "... Christ died for us" (v9) "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

(v10) "much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life"

(v11) "And not only that, but we also rejoice ... "

1. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF APOSTLE PAUL

(Acts 20:24-27) "... Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

(Romans 11:11) "Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness.

Otherwise you also will be cut off."

(2 Timothy 4:2) "Preach the word. Be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

Apostle Paul wanted all people to be saved from wrath: (Acts 26:28-29) "I would to God that not only you ("Agrippa"), but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

Then, in strong language: (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) "... vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall suffer punishment with everlasting destruction ... "

2. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF APOSTLE JOHN

This is "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 19:26; 20:2; 21:7 and v20)

John speaks of hell as a "bottomless pit" 7 times: (Revelation 9:1-2 and v11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1 and v3)

(Revelation 14:19) "the great winepress of the wrath of God"

(Revelation 19:20) "the lake of fire burning with brimstone" also in (20:10) (20:14) "lake of fire" (v15) "the lake of fire"

3. TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

In His sermon from the mount: (Matthew 5:22) " ... shall be in danger of hell fire"

To self-righteous Pharisees: (Matt. 23:33) "Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?"

From the One who died for us is this description:

(Matthew 5:29) "to be cast into hell" (Matt. 7:13) "cast out into outer darkness" (Mtt. 22:13 and 25:30)

(Matt. 13:42) "will cast them into the furnace of fire.

There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth"

(Matt. 16:26) "and loses his own soul"

(Matt. 25:41) "into the everlasting fire"

(Matt. 25:46) "will go away into everlasting punishment"

(Mark 3:29) "but is subject to eternal condemnation"

(Mark 9:43-44) "to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched - where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched"

(Mark 16:16) "but he who does not believe will be condemned"

(Matt. 10:28) "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"

4. BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE FOR LOST SOULS

(James 5:20) "Let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins."

(Jude v22-23) "And on some have compassion, making a distinction, but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire"

Like Paul: (2 Corinthians 2:4) "... with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which have so abundantly for you" (Philippians 3:18) "and now tell you even weeping" (Acts 20:18-20) "with many tears"

Motivated by two emotions: (2 Corinthians 5:11) "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" and (v14) "For the love of Christ compels us"

5. TO CONVINCE YOU OF HELL

(Psalm 36:1) "concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes."

(Ecclesiastes 8:11) "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore, the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil"

6. BECAUSE GOD HAS MADE ME A "WATCH-MAN" (Ezekiel 3:16-19)

7. BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT YOU & ME TO GO THERE

(1 Timothy 4:16) "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.

Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

CLOSE: (Ezekiel 18:30-32) "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ... For why should you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies, says the Lord God. Therefore turn and live"