

## The Final enemy Don Williams- March 31, 2024

### 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

*"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The final enemy to be destroyed is death."*

**Death is an enemy of God because it stands in direct opposition to God, who embodies and champions LIFE in all its fullness.**

### Romans 5:12

*"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—"*

### John 12:23-24

*"Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."*

### Galatians 2:20

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

**The way for followers of Jesus to fully live is to first die.**

**Because of the resurrection, death has been defeated but eventually death will be eradicated.**

### 2 Corinthians 5:8

*"We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."*

### 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

*"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

<sup>55</sup> *"O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hades, where is your victory?"*

<sup>56</sup> *The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who*

*gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>58</sup> *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

### Romans 5:10

*"For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!"*

**To defeat the final enemy  
We bring the resurrected life to people that are dead in our world.**

### Romans 8:11

*"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."*

**To defeat the final enemy  
We bring life to places that are dead in our own lives.**

### Matthew 6:14-15

*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."*

