ZOMBIE MOVIE REVIEW: Last of the Living (2008)



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- **GENRE:** Zombie "Comedy"/Horror
- **ACTORS:** Morgan Williams, Ashleigh Southam, Robert Faith, Emily Paddon-Brown, Mark Hadlow
- **RATING:** UK-15[1. Apparently equivalent to about PG-13, or a mild R, but the movie is official "NR" in the USA]
- **PARENTAL NOTE:** *Not intended for children. Bad language. Violence. Zombie killings galore.*
- **INTENDED AUDIENCE:** *This movie is intended for fans of the genre, and may not be appreciated by others.[1. As noted elsewhere in this review, this particular film may not be enjoyed by fans of the genre either.]*
- **GENERAL PLOT:** (No spoilers) Three certifiable knuckleheads and a scientist chick they pick up in a zombie infested church are racing against the clock (and a bad zombie bite) to save the world.

- **REVIEW:** Calling this film a "B" Movie would be giving it the benefit of the doubt by a letter grade or two. Generally zombie movies try to be scary, with a bit of humor; or funny, with a bit of zombie mayhem. This movie isn't really that scary. Neither is it very funny. The zombie style isn't consistent either. Some of them look like regular humans, but for a bit of eye makeup. Another zombie looks like he's wearing a rotten pig head

mask. Some zombies are fast, some are slow. Some are good with objects; others are grunting piles of flesh. But after a bit of reflection, I realize maybe my problem is that I don't appreciate good old fashioned New Zealand zombie comedy/horror when I see it. In fact, I can see a bit of the same style of humor as in another New Zealand zombie movie—*Black Sheep* (2006) UR. In summary, I'll admit I've seen a lot, lot worse zombie movies. *Last of the Living* is watchable—*for fans of the genre*—in all categories: acting, plot[2. Such as it is. As always, a "plot" is optional in the traditional zombie genre], production values, etc.

- **RECOMMENDATION:[2. If you wonder why zombie themes and horror films have space on a Christian website like K_Line Christian Online, please see my blog post on point]** *This is a zombie "comedy"/horror movie. Many people will be highly offended by every movie in this genre because of the graphic violence, gore, language and other questionable elements. However, if you are a fan of this genre*—I give *Last of the Living* a lukewarm recommendation.
- **RATING (out of 5 stars):** ★★★★★

FOOTNOTES: