

Annual Review: What Does a Body in Motion Look Like?

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I. INTRODUCTION

During 2007 Grace Chapel exhibited incredible moments of grace and perseverance. Like a well conditioned athlete, it revealed the glory of God and His creation. During troublesome times, this church endured and kept its poise.....and the Lord has continued to bless it.

II. WHAT IS THE BODY OF THE CHURCH?

A. *It is Christ's Body Made of Many Body Parts: Eph. 1:22-23; 2:11-16; 4:11-16*

Eph. 1:22-23: We are Christ's Body. What an awesome responsibility.

Eph. 2:11-16: Christ created the Church (His Body) through His death.

Eph. 4:11-16: Together we nourish the Body and cause its growth.

B. *How is the Body Supposed to Behave: 1 Cor. 12; Col. 3:9-17*

1 Cor. 12, How Not to Behave: The Body is to function as one unit, not as individual body parts.

Col. 3:9-17, How to Behave: We must keep the unity God designed for the Body. Thus, we must bear and admonish one another and above all, love one another.

C. *How did Grace Chapel do in 2007 Regarding God's Mandate for the Body?*

1. **The Immediate Body:** We had some troubled waters at the beginning of the year. But through it all you kept bearing with one another, caring for one another, encouraging and admonishing one another.

2. **Assisting Other Body Parts, i.e., our Sister Church in Hemet:** Just like the churches in Macedonia assisted the church in Jerusalem, so this flock has assisted our sister church in Hemet with prayers and teaching assistance.

D. *The Ladies of Grace Chapel are a Microcosm of this Body?*

The Ladies of this flock are a perfect example of how the Church is to function. They're a unified team that encourages and prays for one another.

E. *What Can You Do in 2008?*

More of the same. Continue uplifting your brothers and sisters at Grace Chapel with your assistance, encouragement, and prayers.

III. CONCLUSION

The Body stands or falls based on how well the individual parts function together. Thus, we must continue to keep its unity by encouraging, assisting, praying, and caring for one another. Thus, we must minister our gifts to one another, 1 Peter 4:10.