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# Growing a Healthy Church



# Series Outline

## **I. Filling Hearts**

A. Christ the Fulness



B. The church as a bride

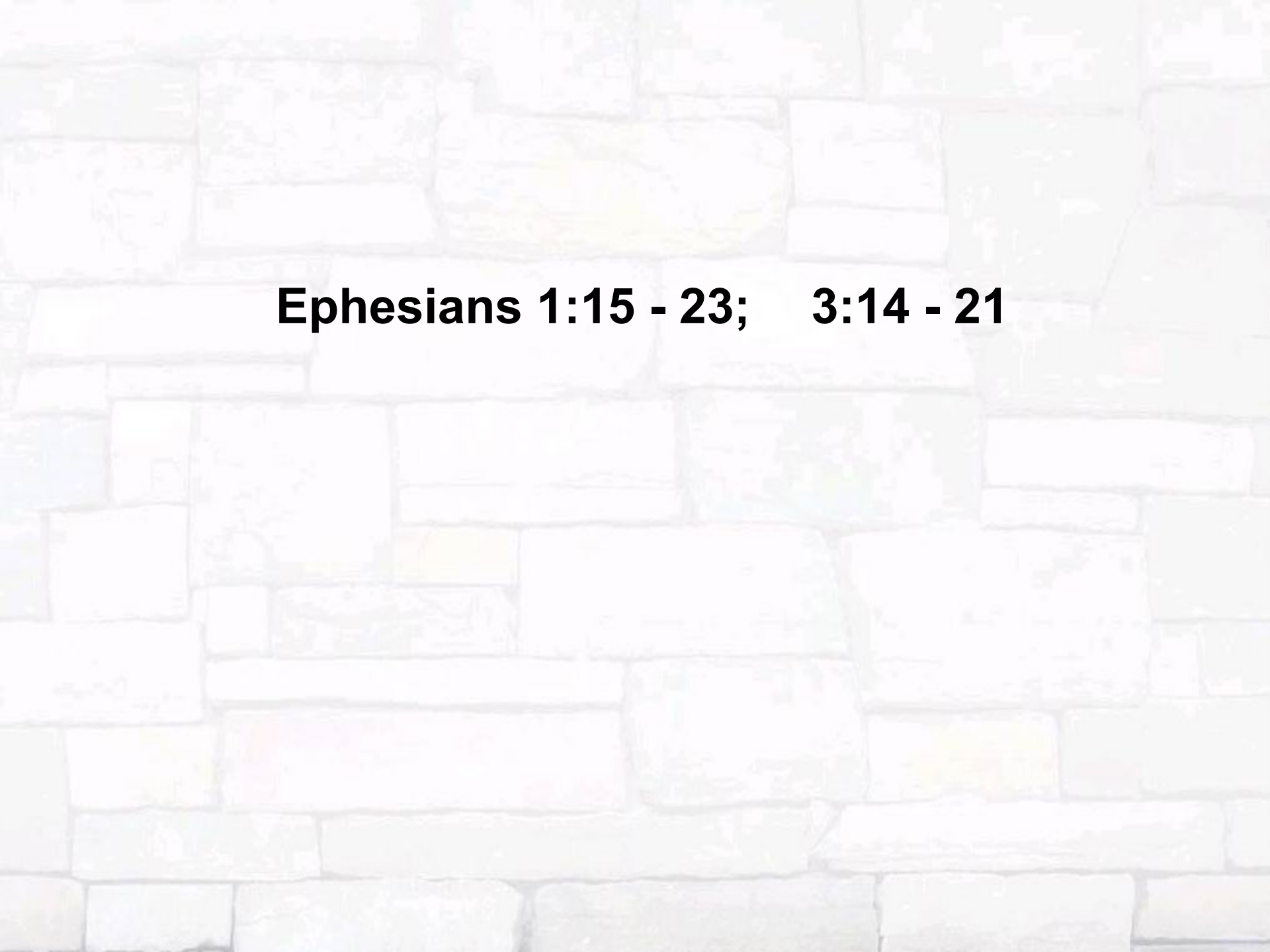
## **II. Overflowing hearts**

A. The attractive quality of true fellowship

B. Outreach that works

C. Living and life-giving worship

D. The prayer meeting you can't miss



**Ephesians 1:15 - 23; 3:14 - 21**









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the glory of **His** inheritance      What we mean to Him

the greatness of **His** power      What He intends to do in us

(Apparently, great energy required!)

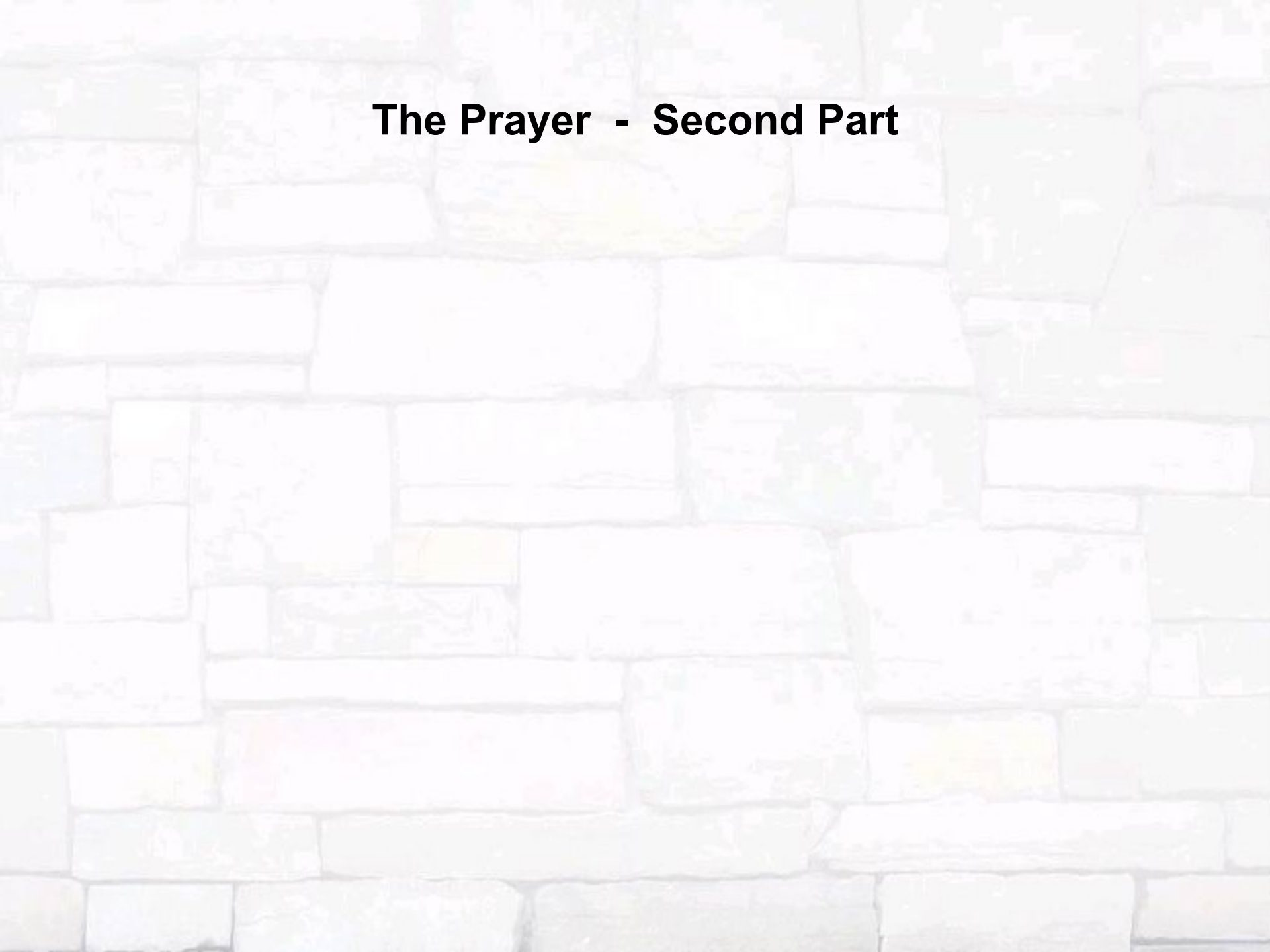


**The mystery revealed:**

**The Church !**

“The fulness of the Filler”

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## Summary

A healthy, growing church is not primarily marked by proper church order (although that has its place)

Nor even because the glorious Lord is in the midst, (because He is always glorious in every church)

But it is marked by saints who are filled with all the fullness of God !

Therefore, Christ is both the “Fulness” and the “Filler”

(“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” Jn 1:16)



# Conclusion

A healthy, growing church is marked by:

1. People with a healthy, growing relationship with the Lord
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Jesus said:

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” Jn 8:32