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## What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?

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2000 years of Christianity are going to be noted everywhere. The most discussed question, both within the Church and outside it, is what 2000 years of Christianity

mean and how to relate to them.

Different people view this milestone in very different ways. For a Christian, it is a joyful date, confirming the most important dogma of our faith: "God is Love." For love is long-suffering. And by no means can we say that the past two millennia have been millennia filled only with holiness. For the most part, these have been 2000 years of our sins and transgressions. The Lord has tolerated us for these 2000 years and has not renounced us. Instead, He has continued pouring His mercies on His people, the Church (through revealing new sacred objects, and miracles, but mostly through simply sustaining our lives and the existence of our Church). That means that our God is truly a long-suffering God, which means that God truly is Love. That Christianity is not dying but is crossing over into a new millennium is a joy for us. For Christians, another "millennium" symbolizes Christianity's eternity, and we are entering the third millennium of our history certain that the Church's mission is going continue beyond 2000.

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