

## BFM 1963 vs. BFM 2000 - Key Differences

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Category	BFM 1963	BFM 2000	Key Differences
Scripture	Scripture is 'the record of God's revelation of Himself to man.'	Scripture is 'God's revelation of Himself to man...truth, without any mixture of error.'	Stronger language on inerrancy and sufficiency of Scripture in BFM 2000.
Theology of God	Emphasizes the Trinity; basic attributes of God.	Retains same Trinitarian view but with expanded section on God the Father, Son, Spirit.	Clarifies roles and distinctions within the Trinity in BFM 2000.
The Person of Christ	Presents a clear Christology.	Expands on Jesus' full deity and humanity, His substitutionary atonement, resurrection, return.	More robust Christology in BFM 2000.
The Church	The church is a local, autonomous body of baptized believers.	Adds a clear distinction between the local and universal church.	Expanded ecclesiology, including roles within the church in BFM 2000.
Lord's Day	Recognized as the Christian Sabbath.	Describes it as a day of worship and spiritual devotion.	More emphasis on worship and rest, less legalistic tone in BFM 2000.
The Family	No specific article.	Entire article added on the family, gender roles, and marriage between one man and one woman.	BFM 2000 reflects cultural and moral concerns, especially regarding marriage and sexuality.

Office of Pastor	Silent on pastoral leadership of women.	Explicitly states: 'the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.'	BFM 2000 affirms complementarian view of church leadership.
Salvation	Stresses regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.	Adds more clarity to each element and emphasizes God's initiative in salvation.	Expanded detail and precision in soteriology in BFM 2000.
Evangelism & Missions	Encouraged, but less emphasis.	Emphasized as an essential duty of every believer.	Greater emphasis on the Great Commission in BFM 2000.
Religious Liberty	Strong advocacy for religious freedom.	Maintains this but includes language about separation of church and state more explicitly.	Slightly more emphasis on moral responsibility in public and political engagement in BFM 2000.
Scriptural Authority	Strong view, but less specific on inerrancy.	Asserts that the Bible is 'totally true and trustworthy' and 'without error.'	More precise view of biblical authority in BFM 2000.