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Hi Dave,

Leaving Bierton Church.

I remember it being very sad and frustrating.

We didn't want to leave but two dominant members made it difficult to continue and it was distressing to the other majority members.

On reflection poor understanding is a reflection of poor teaching which leaves people vulnerable who in defence fall back on a culture of passivity and an inability to reason beyond the confines of tradition rather than in this case the principles of faith and understanding their statements of Faith up held by their church.

Also I reflect there may have been another approach to solving the very real distressing issues we faced at the time but our answer was to leave rather than continue to hurt those members we love and continue in the cycle we faced above.

In conclusion we loved the church we left and they loved us but we felt it was at that time the only course of action we could take.

This is my response to your request.

Kind regards

Irene Clarke (Now Holloway)

Ps. I still count dear Bertha as one of my dearest friends.

My Response. The Church were unfaithful to us and their articles of religion and principles. We had no other option. These members have been removed, by the Lord, leaving an opening to continue the work as specified in our Article, Of Religion and terms of the indenture, of 1831.