about ourselves.

In the Bible, also the apostle John writes “If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar”. He also says ,“If we say we have no sin the truth is not in us”. So maybe the reason we cannot find the truth is that we have not faced up to the problem within us. Instead we make God out to be the liar. Have you ever thought how strange it is that people blame God for things that go wrong even when it is their own fault? It seems we cannot be honest about the real cause of our troubles, our behaviour, so we blame someone, else and God is the easiest target. The whole truth is though, that He is true and the problem is us.

So if we read John again, He tells us that, “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, true and right, to forgive us our sins and to wash away all the wrongness from our lives”. That is the freedom Jesus spoke of. His blood washes away our sin because He gave His life for us. Here is real truth; the truth about God and the truth about ourselves. The reason? “It is impossible for God to lie”. He tells us “the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth”; the truth about our problem, our sin, and the truth about the answer, His Son Jesus Christ.

Do you want the truth? Here it is; tough to face but only when we face it can the freedom Jesus promises be ours. “If the Son shall make you free, you really will be free”. Receive Jesus Christ today as your Lord and Saviour and then you will know that He has told you the whole truth about His love for you and God’s mercy towards you.

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Dear Lord Jesus

Thank you for helping me when I could not help myself. . I confess to you that I have sinned and done things against the will of God. Please forgive me and cleanse me from all my sin.

Please come into my heart and change me so that I can truly serve you for the rest of my life.

I realise that without you I have no hope in this world but that with you I have eternal life

Lord Jesus thank you. I now

belong to you and I rejoice in you as my Saviour and can now truly call you Lord. Amen

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Have you ever thought how wise the oath is which people take in court before giving evidence? "The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is what is meant to be said. However, research has showed that less than 10% of people actually fulfil their promise. The statistics show that 80% will tell some truth and about 10% will tell complete lies. Surprising ,yes, but unless the whole truth and nothing but the truth is given then the result is not the truth at all but a falsehood. Just giving some facts can give a false representation, while adding extra things can also give a wrong picture. Saying, for example, "The person wore a white coat" may implicate someone in a crime, but not mentioning that the person "also wore a brown hat", a fact that excludes them altogether, may give a false identification. That is why the oath is wisely the way it is.

There is the phrase commonly used, "Lies, big lies and statistics". The implication is that statistics can be made to show what people want them to show, but not necessarily give the whole truth. The sad truth is that it becomes really hard to find the truth even when we are provided with so much information. Politicians make promises but rarely fulfil them. Statements are made but on close analysis what they say isn't really true at all. The media always seem to put a "slant" or a "spin" on the news they provide. They have a "hidden agenda" behind the news to convey a concept which may not be represented by the true facts.

If you went to school in a foreign country and learned history, the history you were taught would give a very different view to the history taught in UK schools. It all depends on where people come from and what they are looking to promote by the teaching. French teaching of the history of the Second World War, for example, would convey a very different picture from that of British teaching.

So the truth becomes then a really hard thing to find. Lots of people look for the truth about themselves and life in general. They look for their origins, "who am I"? and so on, and also look for someone really to tell them the truth. But where do we go and to whom do we look for real truth?

In the Bible we read Jesus saying "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". So, if we believe Him, freedom only comes when we really know the truth and it is that very truth itself which makes us free. Truth therefore must be more than facts, but a real thing that has the power to change lives. Jesus also said "If the Son shall make you free, then you really will be free". He was speaking of Himself as the Son of God and His ability to bring real freedom and truth into our lives. He declares Himself to be totally involved in the truth and all that is true about God. In the same part of the Bible, Jesus talks about what we are not free from. He calls it sin. It is the very nature of mankind, which makes us do the things we do, and causes so much damage in human lives. It is why people tell lies and live a lie pretending to be outwardly what they are not, when inside they are the very opposite to what they appear to be. It is all dishonesty, not being real, not facing up to the truth