

References in this leaflet are from the Bible:

1. Ecclesiastes 9.11; 2. Acts 10.43;
3. Acts 4.12; 4. John 1.12

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**I COULD  
BLAME  
GOD!**

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I was a pedestrian.

Now I have no legs  
and I am not suitable  
for prosthesis.



I was 'mown down' in  
the street by an out-of-  
control vehicle, estimated  
to be travelling at over  
forty miles an hour.

As a result, my life and  
my family's life have been  
'messed up'.

The fact that it happens  
to others too is no  
consolation - it changes  
nothing for me.

So how do you think I feel  
about the person who did  
this to me?

How would you feel?

#### Protected?

I'm glad I didn't die, and since recovering sufficiently to live a 'normal' life, I have found that many people are kind and helpful. I am surprised however, how quickly some bring God into any discussions we have about what happened. One kind friend wrote: *'How could God allow that to happen to a person like you?'* They thought that because I am a Christian, God should have protected me.

#### Difference

In one paraphrased version of the Bible it says that *'good luck and bad luck happen to everyone'*.<sup>1</sup> So, although I'm a Christian, I know I must live my life like everyone else and accept what God allows. The difference for Christians in life's ups and downs, is that God is with us. He enables us to handle our tragedies. God has given me a great sense of peace about that accident that changed my life. I don't blame God and I don't hate the car driver who did this to me. Indeed, I have met with the man and assured him that I hold no hard feelings towards him.

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#### Forgiveness

At the root of my peace is the fact that I know Jesus of Nazareth as my Saviour. By believing in Him I received God's forgiveness for my own sins and entered into a new relationship with God. In all my anxieties God has been a Father to me and Jesus my Saviour a good friend. Let me share with you some verses from the Bible that by assuring me of God's love and forgiveness, give me peace:

*"Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins"*<sup>2</sup>

*"Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead ... Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*<sup>3</sup>

*"To all who received him [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."*<sup>4</sup>