



## **B. The Damage: Everything's broken and nothing on this planet works perfectly**

### **1. Natural disasters**

*Romans 8:20 CEV 'Creation is confused...'*

*Romans 8:20 GNT 'Creation was condemned to lose it's purpose...'*

*Romans 8:22 GNT 'All creation groans with pain...'*

### **2. Physical decay and death**

*2 Cor. 4:16 NIV "outwardly, we are wasting away."*

*1 Cor. 15:53 CEV "Our dead and decaying bodies will be changed into bodies that won't die or decay."*

### **3. Emotional damage (Sin causes emotional distress and disappointment)**

*Ecclesiastes 1:14-15 NLT "I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless - like chasing the wind. What is wrong cannot be made right. What is missing cannot be recovered."*

### **4. Relational damage (conflicts are the result of sin)**

*Genesis 3:7 "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."*

## **5. Financial & Vocational difficulties**

*Ecclesiastes 5:13-14 "There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand."*

## **6. Spiritual discontent & darkness**

*Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."*

*2 Cor. 4:4 CEV "The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like."*

## **C. The Solution:**

### **1. Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior**

*John 16:33 "...In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

### **2. Follow His light**

*John 8:12 CEV "Once again Jesus spoke to the people. This time he said, 'I am the light for the world! Follow me, and you won't be walking in the dark. You will have the light that gives life'."*