

The limitations we would have in the world today without the wheel are almost unbounded. The most obvious is, of course, transportation. Every kind of motored transportation, with the exception of sailing ships, requires the wheel to operate. Gears, also wheels, are essentially a part of every type of machine and gizmo today. In everything we do, from turning a doorknob to riding a bike, we are impacted by the wheel.

Oh yes, the wheel has greatly impacted our society, but what about computers? Countless reams of paper can be stored in just a fraction of the space. The information available at just the click of a button, the time saved, and the many more things available by having a computer make it a very great invention indeed. What if, say, all the computers in the world would right now suddenly crash? Chaos would immediately erupt. Businesses would lose a myriad of files, communication would be held up, and even the national defense system would not be able to maintain a high level of security. Surely computers are an extremely important development.

When one views all the developments of history in the grand scheme of things, from the ancient words, "Let there be light," to this very second, the most significant invention, the one thing that man has created that has touched thousands in a major, life-changing way is not a complex, sophisticated, or intricately designed device. It is, quite on the contrary, a very crude, very simple thing. In fact, it is a means of execution. A means of execution? Yes. That of which I speak is the Roman cross.

On such a cross, Jesus, the Son of God in human flesh, was put to death, and with Him, the sin of the entire world; the very sins that should send you and should send me to hell forever. And after being killed on that cross, the very same Jesus rose, having defeated death from the inside. The resurrection of Jesus is the only time anyone ever has, or ever will, come back from



the dead by his own power. This resurrection has given millions hope for tomorrow. It has answered the question that man has asked since the beginning, "What is truth?" It has promised eternal life to all who will simply believe. It has shattered the Devil's power over torment and death. It has put love, peace, hope, and forgiveness into a world so often characterized by hatred, war, sin, and death. It has testified of the perfect Way, Truth and Life that can be known and embraced by all.

Now compared to this great salvation, how do wheels and computers and all the other temporary endeavors of man stand up? We, when faced with the question of where we and those around us will spent the rest of forever, could be just as well off if they didn't exist. Man-made inventions have their strong points, some of them are very strong indeed, but when one looks at eternity, which we cannot even comprehend, the benefits of these inventions weighed against the Solid Rock of Christ, look small and insignificant.

So, when all things considered, the death of Jesus Christ on that Roman cross and His glorious resurrection so many years ago, are all that really matter. What else is the sole source of the hope that every single person in this world can have as their lifeline for eternity?

