If clouds were sugar would they rain cotton candy? What if we had eyes in the back of our head? Could we watch TV while sleeping? What if money grew on trees? Would everyone be able to afford a money tree? Except for those who work at creating new products or processes, most of us are usually more serious about our “what ifs.” We look forward to the “what ifs” that have positive consequences and try to avoid those with negative ones. We carefully select the ideal vacation spot. We deliberate about our child’s education, their vocation, and who will be their mate. We buy insurance for the “what ifs” that involve accidents, disease, and other mishaps. We save money for the unexpected “what ifs.” We lock our cars and houses and guard our purse or billfold to avoid other “what ifs.” “What ifs” force us to look into the future; unfortunately, many of us do not look far enough into the future. For example, after you die, where will you be? Many people never ask that “what if” because they naively assume that what happens after death takes care of itself. What if everything in the world were perfect? What if man lived in a perfect environment where he was free to choose between right and wrong? That is exactly the situation the Bible describes for us in Genesis. God created Adam and Eve and placed them in a perfect environment. They had everything they needed to enjoy life to its fullest. They could do anything they liked, with one proviso, they must not eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. “What if” they did? God told them that they would “surely die.” (Genesis 2:17) Unfortunately, Adam and Eve disobeyed. As a result, immediately, they died spiritually; and, eventually, they died physically. The Bible tells us that when Adam disobeyed, his judgement was passed on to all of his descendants—those of us who are not saved. That’s why we still have to deal with sin and its consequences. Adam disobeyed the knowledge of good and evil. Where his image was imprinted into the likeness of God, his children image His sin. They missed you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. For every sin we fall short of His glory, that is why Jesus paid the price for our sins. If we choose not to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we will spend eternity in a place very different from heaven. The Bible says that, for those trusting Jesus Christ, death means “to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” (II Corinthians 5:8)

Will you accept God’s gift of salvation right now? There is one more “what if” that you should think about. What if this is your last chance to be sure that you are on your way to Heaven?