

## A DAY OF ACCOUNTING

Is anything more chilling than this information? "Your returns are being reviewed by Revenue Canada." Government auditors will be looking at your income and deductions to see if they are consistent. If you have missed reporting income or claimed non qualifying deductions, then they will call you to account. A letter will arrive which calls on you to immediately give the government what they calculate you owe them. There is no recourse - the government establishes tax law and the deductions which are allowed. You will be called to pay what you owe.

There is a much more important review of your life coming. It is referred to as 'the last judgement.' You will stand before God's appointed judge, Jesus Christ, to answer for what you have done with the life and resources that God has given you. You will answer for how you have treated God and others. You will be found guilty of falling short of the perfection which God calls for in every area of life. You will be fairly treated and God's assessment will be final.

How do we know that such judgement will be fair? God sent Christ to suffer the judgement which should have fallen on those whom He forgives. He did not ignore the rebellion, disobedience, and the destructive acts which saturate the lives of His own. He meted out the full and fair punishment for each of His people's infractions. God, in justice, did not call upon His beloved Son to suffer anything beyond what was due. God required His Son to satisfy His just demands for the forgiveness He gives His people. He will not turn away from visiting the same justice on those who have refused His offer of full forgiveness by giving themselves in obedience to His appointed ruler - Jesus Christ.

The day of accounting is coming. Only Christ's sacrifice can satisfy God's just claims against you.