



SPOKANE COUNTY  
CHAPLAINCY  
SERVICES



SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CHAPLAINS TO SERVE YOU

Mark Smith

Lead Chaplain

Robert Kinnune

Cliff Custer

Jake Burkholder

Fasitupe Meafua

Ken McNaughton

Teresa Smith

Gino Palomino

Office phone:

509-477-6625

P. O. Box 18752

Spokane, WA 99208

[www.spokanecountychaplaincy.com](http://www.spokanecountychaplaincy.com)

"Scripture taken from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®, Copyright © 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation. Used by permission."

YOU ARE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

I see it everywhere, "Jesus is the Reason for the season". Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying He has nothing to do with it. John 3:16 says " For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." For God so loved the World - You, and I! Jesus was sent to this earth so that we might be saved and spend eternity with Him! Romans 5:8 says: "But God shows His love for us, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus came to this earth to be born of a virgin - in a manger, to live His life as a servant to those considered the lowest of the low, and ultimately give His life as a sacrifice for all mankind, past, present and future. He paid

every debt of every human being's sin. What the cross meant to kill, became our victory.

Christmas can be a joyous time for many, maybe even considering it to be the best time of year, yet for some it proves difficult and/or depressing. Maybe you find yourself in the second group. Maybe you have lost someone in your life, maybe your Christmas' have never gone as hoped, maybe the holiday leaves you feeling empty.

Hold on to this: Jesus Christ came to this earth to die a horrible death all because you mean EVERYTHING to Him. Matthew 10:29-31 gives a small example of this; "Are not two Sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the hairs on

your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

You mean so much more than some birds to God, and He knows every time one of them fall - can you even fathom, how much more He knows of your every hurt and joy? What a gift to hold onto, and what a gift to share! God asks us to share this gift of love with others.

1 John 4:11 says this: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

This Christmas, above and beyond the "noise" of all that we will have going on. Let us remember to share the greatest gift of all.

Merry Christmas!

