

“Impress Them on Your Children”

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. *Impress them on your children.* Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*” (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

These six verses may well be the most quoted portion of the entire Bible. Known as the *Shema*, they are recited every morning and every evening by orthodox Jews – and have been for hundreds of years. They graphically emphasize the importance of God's laws to the Israelites.

We, as Christians, of course, must love the Lord Jesus Christ with all of our heart and with all of our soul and with all of our strength. God's laws are as important to us as they are to Israel. The call is to **“impress them on your children”**, our children! We, the family, the Christian church, and the Christian school are called to work together in teaching God's laws to the children the Lord has entrusted to us and our care.

I remember vividly, growing up in West-Germany, seeing houses, barns, and other buildings prominently displaying Scripture and God's laws on their doorframes, gates, etc. I knew I was surrounded by something special, a recognition that people were at least trying to keep the Lord's commands visible to the public eye, a reflection of what they believed in. How truly blessed I am to have experienced and witnessed such a sign and official declaration of faith.

Today, the students and staff of PCS joined the SYATP (“See You At The Pole”) movement – together we prayed for PCS, its students, staff, and their families, as well as for all schools across the North American continent. It was *an outward sign of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, stating that PCS is committed to helping students explore and experience their place in God's world.* It was like *prominently displaying the Lord Jesus Christ's love for His children!*

Feel blessed to be a humble follower of Christ. Worship Him, pray, and keep God's laws – “impress them on your children”.

Sincerely,

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