

## ***The Non-Negotiables of Our Faith!***

**Introduction:** As Christians we need to be firm in our understanding of what beliefs are “important” and “essential” as true Christ followers. The faith statements found in the Nicene Creed adopted by early church leaders in 325 AD and amended in 381 AD gives us as a statement of faith that we must not waiver from. Many of the early believers were put to death for these beliefs. John 1:1 and Colossians 1:15-16 give us a general Biblical basis for these statements.



### **The Nicene Creed (Modern Wording)**

**We believe in** one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in** one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in** the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

**Lesson #1** – **Jesus Always Existed. (He had no beginning.)**

**Lesson #2** - **Jesus is Fully God. (He was not a man who became God.)**

**Lesson #3** - **Thru Jesus All Things were Created. (When you take Jesus out of anything (Government, School, Marriages) it falls apart.)**

**Lesson #4** - **Jesus is the Head of the Church. (Not any man or denomination)**

**Lesson #5** - **Jesus Reconciles us to the Father. (Jesus came, died, and arose again for us – because He lives we too will live forever.)**