

## Witnessing Bible Tabs

These Bible tabs have several important advantages:

1) They give (or remind) you an established track to follow, beginning with the tabs at the top.

- The problem with sin - red
- We are without excuse - grey
- Works don't work - brown
- Jesus is the only way - green
- Repent - magenta
- How to be saved - yellow
- If they reject the Gospel - black with white lettering
- O.T. verses – turquoise.

2) If you get off-track (or lose your place because of a distraction) or need a reminder of what to say next, a quick glance at the tabs will remind you of the thoughts that should be presented, in the correct order, from the top of your Bible, down to the bottom as you progress through your Gospel presentation.

3) These tabs are placed by subject, rather than verse. Instead of having to remember Romans 6:23, remember "Wages of Sin," which is easier to recall. Instead of having to think of Luke 16:20, remember "Lazarus Rich Man." Instead of having to think John 14:6, remember "The Only Way," etc.

4) The tabs enable you to present the verse you need in 2-3 seconds.

In version 1.0 of the tabs, all 40-some tabs were the same color. This was a step in the right direction, but it still took 8-10 seconds to scan all the tabs to find the verse you wanted.

- In version 1.3 the tabs are color-coded according to their group.
- Additionally, by placing all the red tabs (dealing with "the problem of sin" – the 1<sup>st</sup> point to discuss), all 5 of those verses are grouped together, and are at the top.
- Next, the 5 verses dealing with "we are without excuse" are grey, and directly below the sin/red group.
- Next, directly below the grey group is the brown group, dealing with 3 verses on "works don't work."
- Directly below that group is the "Jesus is the only solution" group, in green, in the middle.
- The magenta group dealing with "repent," the yellow tabs dealing with "how to be saved," and the black tabs dealing with "refusal" are below that, and at the very bottom (assuming a standard-size Bible.)
- With this layout (once you are familiar with it), you can find the appropriate verse in 1-2 seconds, giving you confidence and the information you need (literally) at your finger tips.

## How to Install the Tabs

It is recommended that you read completely through these instructions before you actually start your installation. This will answer many questions that might come up before you begin.

Using scissors, cut each tab so that it is no wider than necessary. Using the attached “Suggested Groupings” sheet, lay each tab on its own spot, thereby putting each tab in the correct group. (The 1<sup>st</sup> line will be all red tabs, the 2<sup>nd</sup> line all grey tabs, 3rd line all brown tabs, 4<sup>th</sup> line all green tabs, etc.)

In the next step we will be removing the yellow backing from the laminated Post-It-Note as we apply each tab to your Bible. Many of the tabs will easily separate at the top, leaving Post-It-Note glue at the bottom for placement on the page. However, some of the tabs have too much glue (inserted during manufacture at 3M) and are difficult to separate. In such cases use an Xacto™ knife (or razor) to separate the backing. (Each tab is 3 layers: laminate, Post-It-Note and backing. Be careful not to separate the laminate from the yellow Post-It-Note paper, but only pull the backing off the yellow paper.)

Most of the tabs are placed as low as possible. (In other words, they should stick out of the Bible as little as necessary.) There are some exceptions to this, which are pointed-out specifically in the instructions below.

While going thru the step-by-step directions, if you are unclear about the positioning of a certain tab, refer to the color picture ([attached](#)) showing the layout of a finished installation on a regular-size Bible.

(In the majority of cases the instruction will be to put the next tab **beside** an existing tab. Should the instruction be to place it above, behind or in front of, it will be underlined to bring it to your attention.)

Begin at the top of your Bible, placing the tabs in this order:

1. At the very top, place **All Have Sinned** at Rms 3:10.
2. Directly beside All Have Sinned, place the **Wages of Sin** tab, Rms 6:23
3. Directly above All Have Sinned, place **Murder in Heart** at Mt 5:21
4. Directly above Wages of Sin, and beside Murder in Heart, place **Gate Is Narrow** at Mt 7:13.
5. Directly beside the Wages of Sin, place **Guilty of All** at Jas 2:10.
6. Directly beside Gate is Narrow, place **Lazarus Rich Man** at Lk 16:20.
7. Beside Guilty of All, place **Judgment** at Heb 9:27. (Judgment is placed higher than normal, equal in height to Guilty of All, so that it shows above Lazarus Rich Man.)
8. Beside Lazarus Rich Man, place **Without Excuse** at Rms 1:18.
9. Beside Without Excuse, place **Foolish 1** at 1 Cor 1:18.

10. Directly above Foolish 1, place **Foolish 2** at 1 Cor 3:19. (Foolish 2 is placed higher than normal, so that it shows directly above Foolish 1.)
11. Directly beside foolish 1, place **Works Cursed** at Gal 3:10.
12. Directly beside Works Cursed, place **Works 2**, at Eph 2:8.
13. Directly behind Works 2, place **Works 1** at Titus 3:5. (Works 1 is placed higher than normal, so that it shows directly above Works 2, and equal in height to Works Cursed.)
14. Directly beside Works 1, place **Only One Mediator** at 1 Tim 2:5.
15. Directly in front of Only One Mediator, place **Jesus is God** at Jn 8:57.
16. Directly beside Jesus is God, place **The Only Way** at Jn 14:6.
17. Directly beside Only One Mediator, place Eternal Life at 1 Jn 5:11.
18. Directly beside The Only Way, place **Righteous through Christ** at 2 Cor 5:21.
19. Directly in front of Righteous through Christ, place **Thief on Cross** at Lk 23:42.
20. Directly beside Thief on Cross, place **Christ Died** at Rms 5:8.
21. Directly beside Christ died, place **Repent 1** at Acts 17:30.
22. Directly behind Repent 1, place **Repent 2** at Acts 26:20. (Repent 2 is placed higher than normal, so that it shows directly above Repent 1.)
23. Directly behind Repent 2, place **He Bore Our Sins** at 1 Pet 2:24.
24. Directly beside Repent 1, place **Ignorant Before** at Acts 3:17.
25. Directly beside Ignorant Before place **Saved 2** at Rms 4:5.
26. Directly behind Saved 2, place **Saved 1** at Rms 10:9. (Saved 1 is placed higher than normal, so that it shows directly above Saved 2.)
27. Directly beside Saved 1, place **Saved 3** at Gal 3:10. (Place this tab at the same height as Saved 1.)
28. Directly in front of Saved 3, place **Saved 4** at Jn 1:12.
29. Directly beside Saved 3, place **Reject 3** at 2 Pet 3:7. (All the Reject tabs are kept as low as possible.)
30. Directly in front of Reject 3, and directly beside Saved 4, place **Reject 1** at Jn 3:36.
31. Directly beside Reject 3, place **Reject 4** at Rev 21:8.
32. Directly in front of Reject 4, place **Reject 5** at Mt 10:28
33. Directly beside Reject 4, place **Continue Sinning** at Heb 10:26.
34. Place the Old Testament verses in the same manner, one beside the other, with no overlapping - so that all are easily visible.

After the tabs have all been installed, some of them may have a sticky feel from Post-It-Note glue being on the backside. This is easily removed:

1. Lay that page down over a clean piece of paper, with the Post-It-Note on top of that piece of paper, facing down, with the sticky side facing up. (Not on top of an adjacent page of your Bible. Make sure the Post-It-Note is on top of the extra piece of paper, not another Bible page.)
2. Place your right index finger on the backside of the page, directly on top of the portion of the tab that is glued to the page. (This is to secure the Post-

- it-Note from slipping (or pulling-off the Bible page) while you push/roll/slide the glue away with your finger.) Post-It-Note glue is easily removed.
3. Using a finger on your other hand, push down on the sticky portion of the Post-It-Note, sliding the excess glue off the Post-It-Note onto the clean piece of paper. The glue will easily roll/ball-up as you push it off the back of the tab. This generally takes 4-5 rubs with your finger. (Make sure none of that glue ends up inside your Bible. If it does, simply brush it off. Also, if you notice later that any of your Bible pages tend to stick together, it is probably because a small piece of Post-It-Note glue found its way there. Simply brush it away.)

After the installation of all the tabs, go back thru each page of your Bible that has a tab and make sure you have the appropriate verse underlined in a noticeable color, like hot pink, cyan, etc.

Also, a nice feature is to place a Post-It-Note arrow/flag (available at your local office supply store) pointing to the verse. (If the flag or tab covers another verse, it is only a problem *if* this is the Bible you use for personal Bible study/devotions. If it (covering verses) is a problem for you, do the installation in two steps instead of one. In other words, install the tabs as described above. Then, go back through each tab and examine them. For any that are covering important information on the page, lift the tab off the page, cut some of the bottom of the tab with scissors, and then place it back on the page.

Note: If this process removes too much of the tab that was glue-covered, you will need to get a Post-It-Note glue stick (which we have on hand at FBC) or use Scotch tape to hold it firmly in place. (By the way, using Post-It-Note glue the tab can always be carefully removed later. However, using regular glue or Scotch tape is likely to make a permanent attachment to your Bible page.)

If you have the appropriate verse underlined and are drawing attention to it with a Post-It-Note arrow, once you open your Bible to the correct page you can turn the Bible around, show it to the person you are witnessing to, and ask them to read the verse aloud. They will easily see what they are supposed to read because you have it underlined. (Otherwise, for someone who is not familiar with the Bible, it can be a maze of verses and confusion.)

For His Glory in spreading His Word,  
John Bonin