



# FRANKLIN ROAD

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## “ROUNDUP READY”



THIS TIME OF YEAR WE ARE LIKELY TO HEAR OR SEE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR SEEDS AND HERBICIDES THAT FARMERS WILL SOON BE USING IN THEIR FIELDS. ONE PHRASE THAT SEEMS ESPECIALLY POPULAR IS THE TERM “ROUNDUP READY.” IN 1996 GENETICALLY MODIFIED SOYBEAN SEEDS WERE THE FIRST TO BE DEVELOPED USING THIS TECHNOLOGY. CURRENT ROUNDUP READY CROPS INCLUDE SOY, CORN, CANOLA, ALFALFA, COTTON AND SORGHUM. WHEAT IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND ROUNDUP READY MEANS THAT THE SEED IS GENETICALLY ALTERED SO THAT IT CAN WITHSTAND THE POST EMERGENCE APPLICATION OF MONSANTO’S HERBICIDE ROUNDUP (GLYPHOSATE) FOR THE CONTROL OF WEEDS. IF THE SEED WERE NOT “ROUNDUP READY” THE PLANT AND THE WEED WOULD BOTH BE DESTROYED LEAVING NOTHING TO BE HARVESTED IN THE FALL.

I’M WONDERING IF WE’RE “ROUNDUP READY?” ARE WE ABLE TO STAND TALL AND GROW FAVORABLY WHILE THE WEEDS AROUND US ARE DESTROYED? DO WE SUBMIT TO THE APPLICATION OF GOD’S WORD THAT WILL ROOT OUT ALL THAT IS WEEDY AND WORTHLESS? JESUS INDICATED THAT SOME SEED THAT IS SOWN WILL SUFFER FROM THE GROWTH OF THORNS THAT COME UP AND CHOKE IT OUT (MARK 4:7). ARE WE READY TO OVERCOME THOSE THREATENING THORNS?

ARE WE TRULY “ROUNDUP READY?” 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17 TELLS OF A GREAT “ROUNDUP” THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS PLANNED. “FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. THEN WE WHO ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, AND SO WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.” IN LIGHT OF CHRIST’S COMING THE APOSTLE JOHN WROTE “BELOVED, NOW WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IT HAS NOT APPEARED AS YET WHAT WE WILL BE. WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE APPEARS, WE WILL BE LIKE HIM, BECAUSE WE WILL SEE HIM JUST AS HE IS. AND EVERYONE WHO HAS THIS HOPE FIXED ON HIM PURIFIES HIMSELF, JUST AS HE IS PURE.” WE’RE NOT TOTALLY SURE ABOUT ALL THE DETAILS OF OUR HEAVENLY LIVES POST-ROUNDUP BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IN AT LEAST SOME WAYS WE WILL BE LIKE JESUS. WHAT WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS THAT RIGHT NOW, IN LIGHT OF THIS HOPE, WE SHOULD BE PURE. I WONDER, ARE YOU ROUNDUP READY?

LOOKING UP,  
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE