

INTRODUCTION

1. Life lived in *this present time* [R8:18]: expectation? R8:18 *sufferings*. The *glory to be revealed* = our *hope* [v19-25]: groaning -> glory life: of *hope* [v25]
2. Last LD - expectations - v35-36. Ps 44:22 = prophetic description of Xn life.

1st: Psalm 44 informs our experience of the Christian life.

1. Ps 44:1-3 recalls conquest of Canaan. Victory - God's *presence & favor*
2. Ps 44:4-8 Korah pledges allegiance & expects future victories
3. Ps 44:9-16 *YET* - experiencing defeat - why? Rather than God's presence, our enemies are present.
4. Ps 44:17-22 Nevertheless, we have upheld Lord's worship - but we find ourselves in midst of death. Why? *for Your sake!* Lk 6:22 [Mt 5:10-11]
5. Ps 44:23-26 Why does it feel like Lord not w/ us? In whom else can we hope?

2nd: The Christian Life is the Life of a Slaughtered Lamb

1. Ps 44:22 is one of several pictures of a disciple of Jesus. We need to look at this picture.
2. The way: obedience -> cross -> grave -> resurrection -> exaltation -> glory.