**Paul Redefines the Paradigm for “Status”**

When Paul reflects on what the Corinthians were NOT, he lays out the secular paradigm they wanted to be!

1:26 sofoi\ kata\ sa1rka

ESV/ “worldly standards”

NIV/ “wise by human standards

1:26 dunatoi= ESV/ “powerful”

 NIV/ “influencial”

 Eu0genei=j ESV&NIV/ “noble birth”

 The Noble were to “Seek the welfare of the City”

 **THE ROMAN/SECULAR PARADIGM OF STATUS**

OUR STATUS is redemptive...we are a redeemed community and live by God’s rule.

2:1-5 Since God’s (Father) wisdom is revealed through Christ, and since here it focuses on redemption, the CROSS becomes the focal point.

1:30, The Father worked through Christ to covey the sofi/a h9mi/n a0po\ qeou= ... “for” +R, holiness, and redemption.

The Biblical Paradigm/Worldview is via “revelation” through the apostolic community to the church (2:10; 2:6-16). Wisdom is the “skill” (OT) to live but only achieved through rev/knowledge.

 **PAULS “REVEALED” PARADIGM OF STATUS**