

## How Many People Will Be In Heaven?

1. If election is true, does that mean that heaven will be a relatively empty place?
  - A. It is true that God's elect are described as a remnant (**Rom 11:5; Rom 9:27**).
    - i. **Rom 11:5** - Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.
    - ii. **Rom 9:27** - Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:
    - iii. Remnant - 1. a. With the. That which remains or is left of a thing or things after the removal of a portion; the remainder, rest, residue. Now applied only to a small remaining part.
  - B. But consider, even if God's elect only comprise 10% (**Isa 6:13**) of the human race, that is still 700 million people (7 billion \* 0.10) only counting the population today. It has been estimated that 90 billion people have lived since creation, so that would be 9 billion (90 billion \* 0.10) in heaven.
  - C. That is:
    - i. 28.2 times the entire population of the USA (9,000,000,000 / 319,000,000).
    - ii. 2,372 people per sq. mile of the entire USA (9,000,000,000 / 3,794,000 sq. miles)
    - iii. 3.7 people per acre of the entire USA (9,000,000,000 / 2,428,160,000 acres)
    - iv. 103,520 people per sq. mile of MN (9,000,000,000 / 86,940 sq. miles)
    - v. 162 people per acre of MN (9,000,000,000 / 55,641,600 acres)
    - vi. If lying in a line head to toe, they would wrap around the earth 411 times (9,000,000,000 x 6Ft / 131,477,280 Ft).
    - vii. If you took only 5 minutes to get to know each of them in heaven, it would take 85,616 *years* to do so (9,000,000,000 \* 5) / (60 \* 24 \* 365).
  - D. Put another way, if each of them would contribute \$1, it would run the US federal government for 22.5 hours (\$9,000,000,000 / (\$3,504,000,000,000 / 365 days \* 24 hours))
2. If the doctrine of God's sovereign election of grace is true, won't it result in less people in heaven than the free-will gospel will?
  - A. Arminianism teaches that only those who hear and believe the gospel will be saved eternally.
  - B. According to Arminianism, a tribe out in the deepest jungles of Africa who hasn't heard the gospel will be sent to hell.
  - C. The Bible teaches that all those who hear and believe the gospel have eternal life, but it also says that God's redeemed comprise men from *every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation* (**Rev 5:9**).
    - i. **Rev 5:9** - And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;
  - D. The Bible even teaches that some people who are enemies of the gospel are God's elect and will be saved (**Rom 11:28-29**).
    - i. **Rom 11:28** - As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
    - ii. **Rom 11:29** - For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
  - E. So it is the doctrine of sovereign grace, not Arminianism that will have more folks in heaven.