How Does Sin Get Power Over Us?

Satan gets his hold on us through the law!

"The strength of sin is the law." (I Cor. 15:56)

As long as we see ourselves as an independent-self, separated from God, when the law shouts at us, we try to respond. We rise up as though we are not crucified with Christ, and try to fulfill the law by self-effort. The more we try the more bound up we are. Satan has tricked us into believing a lie and then sin has its grip on us again. Around and around we go, caught in the trap of trying and failing, as sin reigns in our humanity.

The way out is to stand by faith seeing ourselves crucified with Christ. There is no independent me to respond to the law, for I am "dead to the law." The law doesn't die, <u>I DIE</u> "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." Christ fulfills all the "I should's," and "I ought's" of the law, and sets me free from the law of sin and death.

"The law of the Spirit and Life has set me free from the law of sin and death"